

“RARE DISEASE DAY ”

WHEREAS, *the Rare Disease Foundation and its Victoria Parent-2-Parent Network provides a forum for families in our community for mutual support, mentoring and knowledge sharing regardless of a child’s diagnosis; and*

WHEREAS, *the last day of February is recognized as Rare Disease Day internationally, with the purpose to bring about awareness of rare diseases and their impact on patients' lives amongst the general public and decision-makers; and*

WHEREAS, *on February 29th the Victoria Parent-2-Parent Network will collectively recognize and promote awareness of Rare Disease Day throughout the Greater Victoria region.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim February 29th, 2016 as **“RARE DISEASE DAY”** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 11th day of February, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

**LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Sponsored by:
Allison Jones
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