

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

WHEREAS *British Columbia is a culturally diverse Province comprised of many people and communities, and*

WHEREAS *people of African descent have been a part of British Columbia at least since 1858, and have contributed to the cultural, economic, political and social development of the Province; and*

WHEREAS *the Government of British Columbia recognizes the contributions of people of African heritage to the Province; and*

WHEREAS *the Government of British Columbia wishes to join with all citizens of the Province to recognize the contributions of people with African heritage to the Province, and celebrate their cultures and accomplishments with friends and associates in commemoration of Black History Month.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of February 2016 as “BLACK HISTORY MONTH” 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 28th day of January, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

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

**Sponsored by:
Mavis DeGirolamo, President
BC Black History
Awareness Society**