

“EATING DISORDER AWARENESS WEEK”

WHEREAS *Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate among all psychiatric illnesses and can develop in anyone, regardless of age, ethno-racial background, socioeconomic status, gender or ability; and*

WHEREAS *Eating Disorder Awareness Week seeks to raise awareness of eating disorders, shed light on dangerous and pervasive myths, and promote prevention; and*

WHEREAS *The Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness (PEDAW) campaign launches annually in February with events and activities taking place throughout the year and is a BC Province wide effort to raise awareness around prevention and early intervention of eating disorders as well as media literacy, resiliency, building healthy body image and self-esteem; and*

WHEREAS *PEDAW is led by Jessie’s Legacy Eating Disorders Prevention and Awareness Program at Family Services of the North Shore in collaboration with Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre, the Looking Glass Foundation for Eating Disorders, St. Paul’s Specialized Adult Eating Disorder Program and BC Children’s Hospital Eating Disorders Program; and*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the week of February 1st to 7th, 2018 as “EATING DISORDER AWARENESS WEEK” on the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 25th day of January, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

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

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