## "PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY"

- *WHEREAS* many parents and families have suffered a miscarriage, a stillbirth or the death of an infant during delivery or shortly after birth; and
- *WHEREAS* those parents and families deserve and require support and understanding during their time of grief; and
- *WHEREAS* promoting awareness of the challenges faced by those parents and families is a positive means of establishing support, resources and understanding in the community; and
- *WHEREAS* a day of remembrance would enable the people of Victoria to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members in their time of grief; and
- *WHEREAS* this day is recognized in parts of Canada, and in many other jurisdictions around the world, as a day of remembrance and awareness of pregnancy and infant loss; and

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the October 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 as "PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, Two Thousand and *Fifteen.* 

LISA HELPS MAYOR CITY OF VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA

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