

**"HOMELESS ACTION WEEK"**

**WHEREAS** every day in our municipality there are men, women, seniors, youth, and children who are experiencing homelessness or do not have an adequate place to call home; and;

**WHEREAS** community action and participation are essential in addressing and ending the issues and circumstances that contribute to homelessness; and

**WHEREAS** during this week, activities and events will be offered and the community will be encouraged to learn about the many issues related to homelessness, and the community and government agencies that offer the services and support for persons who are experiencing homelessness, and about what each of us as citizens can do to creatively and collectively address homelessness in our communities; and

**WHEREAS** homelessness CAN be ended in Greater Victoria with the further collaboration of all levels of government and community partners.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim the week of October 11 to 17, 2015 as **"HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK"** 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.

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

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