

“MITO DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK”

WHEREAS *at least one in 200 people harbors a genetic mutation that can lead to mitochondrial disease in them or their children; and*

WHEREAS *mitochondrial disease is among the most common adult form of inherited neurological disorders affecting 1 in 4300; and*

WHEREAS *research has consistently shown that mitochondrial dysfunction is at the core of many very common illnesses of adulthood including Alzheimer’s Dementia, Parkinson’s disease, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, osteoporosis, cancer and even the aging process itself; and*

WHEREAS *the overall disease burden is unknown but significant, resulting in substantial direct and indirect health care costs to the patient and society as a whole; and*

WHEREAS *there are few effective treatments and no known cure; and*

WHEREAS *thousands of Canadians suffer from this debilitating and often fatal disease; and*

WHEREAS *the MitoCanada Foundation, through greater public awareness, seeks to promote early diagnosis, education and treatment of mitochondrial disorders.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day of September 20 to 26th, 2015 as “MITO DISEASE AWARENESS 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 10th day of September, Two Thousand and Fifteen.*

**LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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