

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

- WHEREAS** *childhood cancer is the number one disease killer of children in North America, killing more children between the ages of one and twenty than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, and AIDS combined. It is the second leading cause of death during childhood, exceeded only by accidents; and*
- WHEREAS** *every year, more than 1500 children are diagnosed with cancer in Canada; and*
- WHEREAS** *every year in Canada over 300 children under the age of 20 lose their lives to cancer; and*
- WHEREAS** *our children are our most precious resource and are truly golden in our hearts; and*
- WHEREAS** *in recognition of support of the patients, families, and professionals leading the fight against childhood cancer, we recognize the gold ribbon as the symbol of childhood cancer and encourage all citizens to honor those young people who have lost their lives to this devastating disease and join the fight against childhood cancer.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the month of September 2015 as **“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS 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 27th day of August, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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