

**“LITERACY MONTH”**

**WHEREAS** *Literacy is the key to opportunity for Canadians to increase their chances for a good life and be successful in today’s modern world, as literacy is no longer simply the ability to read and write; and*

**WHEREAS** *Engaging children and youth in literacy programming ensures the best possible environment for getting a head start on literacy and lifelong learning ; and*

**WHEREAS** *Solid literacy skills are vital to our country’s social and economic development; literacy offers all Canadians an opportunity to make a substantial contribution to the education, growth and prosperity of Canada; and*

**WHEREAS** *Many organizations across Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and Canada, demonstrate daily – through the work in their community – their commitment to creating a culture of community based literacy and learning*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim the month of September 2015 as **“LITERACY 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

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

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**on behalf of the Victoria Literacy Task Group**