

"ETSY MAKER CITIES WEEK"

- WHEREAS** *Victoria is a strong creative city—a city that values entrepreneurship, sustainability, and responsible manufacturing.*
- WHEREAS** *Art and creativity make our cities and artisan communities meaningful and unique. They are a distinguishing part of our public history and our evolving culture.*
- WHEREAS** *Because of our city's foundation in arts and culture, Etsy—the online marketplace for handmade and vintage products and the City of Victoria have declared Victoria as one of Canada's Etsy Maker Cities for 2015.*
- WHEREAS** *The week of July 13th to 20th is hereby proclaimed Etsy Maker Cities week in Victoria.*
- WHEREAS** *Victoria is a city that celebrates and invests in local creative entrepreneurs in order to foster a new model for economic prosperity.*
- WHEREAS** *As an Etsy Maker Cities city, the City of Victoria will bring multiple partners together to celebrate the many creative individuals and entrepreneurs in our community.*
- WHEREAS** *Victoria has the ability to change how and why we buy, sell, and create goods. Collectively, our city and others around the world, can create a ripple effect around the world.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim July 13th to 20th, 2015 as **"ETSY MAKER CITIES WEEK"** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA**, the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUILMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 9th of July, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

LISA HELPS
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