



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

- WHEREAS** *It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety; and*
- WHEREAS** *Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers; and*
- WHEREAS** *Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes; and*
- WHEREAS** *Many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin colour, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage; and*
- WHEREAS** *Skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis because skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early; and*
- WHEREAS** *Save Your Skin Foundation is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives; and*
- WHEREAS** *I urge all those living in the City of Victoria to take a moment to reflect on the impact that this industry brings to our communities, businesses and economy.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021, as “MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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