



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

"TAOIST TAI CHI® ARTS 50TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"

- WHEREAS** 2020 is the 50th anniversary of the Taoist Tai Chi® arts in Canada that promote the ancient practices of Taoism, which enrich mental, spiritual, and physical well-being. Many people who practice these arts share their experience of this practice which enhanced their social and spiritual connections, helped relieve pain, reduced stress, improved posture, circulation, and balance; and
- WHEREAS** 50 years ago, in 1970, Master Moy Lin Shin, a Taoist monk, began teaching the Taoist Tai Chi® path in Toronto, Canada; and
- WHEREAS** today, Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism, together with its affiliates around the world, have trained volunteer instructors offering Taoist Tai Chi® practice continuously for 50 years, and currently, to more than 40,000 participants in numerous locations throughout 26 countries including 11,016 participants in over 330 locations in Canada with 1200 instructors; and
- WHEREAS** Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism and its affiliates practice the Taoist Tai Chi® arts as a path to ultimate transformation, using the guiding principles of compassion, virtue, and wisdom, in all we do. This practice works to alleviate pain and suffering to the individual, thereby reducing the financial burden on health services in the communities where Taoist Tai Chi® practice is offered; and
- WHEREAS** it is altogether fitting and proper that Canada, with its diverse population and appreciation for all cultures moving together in harmony, and its commitment to improving the wellness of its workforce and all residents, should set aside a day to recognize the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism in its endeavour to bring these arts which promote good health, the richness of Chinese culture, and a greater understanding and respect among all peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the week of November 7th, 2020 as "**TAOIST TAI CHI® ARTS 50TH ANNIVERSARY DAY**" in recognition of Fung Loy Kok's remarkable journey of 50 years 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 October 8th, Two Thousand and Twenty.



LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
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