

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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PROCLAMATION

"MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY"

May 15, 2025

- **WHEREAS** The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led, grassroots movement of men, boys and all Canadians standing up to end violence against women, children and all those along the gender continuum; and
- **WHEREAS** The Moose Hide Campaign was founded along the 'Highway of Tears' in British Columbia in response to the injustices and violence faced by many women and children in Canada, particularly those who are Indigenous; and
- WHEREAS Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is at epidemic proportions across Canada with more than 4 in 10 women having experienced it in their lifetime, and this reality is worse for Indigenous women who are twice as likely to experience violence from their current or former partners; and
- **WHEREAS** The Moose Hide Campaign has distributed over six million moose hide pins that each spark five conversations about issues of violence against women, children and all those along the gender continuum; and
- **WHEREAS** Wearing the moose hide pin demonstrates a commitment to honour, respect and protect the women and children in your life, end gender-based violence and take meaningful action towards reconciliation with Indigenous peoples; and
- **WHEREAS** Participation in the Moose Hide Campaign is a concrete action for all citizens to address the legacies of colonization, residential schools and the reality of more than 1,200 missing or murdered women in Canada; and
- WHEREAS Engagement with the Moose Hide Campaign aligns with the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG2S+);
- **THEREFORE,** I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2025 as

"Moose Hide Campaign Day"

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins Mayor