

WHEREAS

THEREFORE,

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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PROCLAMATION

"FRANCOPHONIE DAY"

March 20, 2018

WHEREAS The Township of Esquimalt recognizes that Canada has two official languages; and

WHEREAS French-speaking persons have been contributing to the development of British Columbia since the 18th century; and

British Columbia since the To Century, and

WHEREAS Esquimalt is home to a vibrant and dynamic French-speaking community and that hundreds of thousands of British Columbians have embraced the French language; and

WHEREAS The Francophone community of Esquimalt and British Columbia is proud of its heritage and its contributions to Esquimalt, the Province of British Columbia and to Canada; and

March 20th has been designated la Journée international de la Francophonie (International Day of the Francophonie) since 1988; and

WHEREAS Dedicating this day in Esquimalt will give all of our community's Frenchspeaking individuals an opportunity to celebrate and share their contributions to our society.

I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2018 as

Francophonie Day

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In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins

Mayor