



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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PROCLAMATION

“PRIDE WEEK 2016”

July 1 – 10, 2016

- WHEREAS** Esquimalt celebrates the diversity that strengthens our community; and
- WHEREAS** **Pride** is a time to celebrate the diversity and strength of the LGBTTIQQ2SA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, 2-Spirited and allies) Communities; and
- WHEREAS** **Pride** is a way to honour, respect and celebrate all people regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, to recognize our differences and uniqueness and to promote and build community through education and understanding; and
- WHEREAS** The Township of Esquimalt promises to provide hope and support for our youth and all community members who experience bullying and harassment based on their sexual orientation or gender identity; and
- WHEREAS** The intent of **Pride** is to encourage Esquimalt to be a safe and welcoming place for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities to attend school, to work, to raise a family, to start a business, to live.
- THEREFORE,** I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim July 1 – 10, 2016 as

Pride Week

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor