

## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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## **PROCLAMATION**

## "UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK"

September 21-27, 2024

WHEREAS The Township of Esquimalt was founded on the traditional territories of the

Esquimalt and Songhees Nations and settled by immigrants from around the world, we seek to protect, honour and uplift the diverse cultural traditions of every citizen, from the original inhabitants of this land, to our newest arrivals,

offering good will and equal protection to all under the law; and

**WHEREAS** Canada enshrines the principles of equality both provincially and federally,

and it is incumbent upon us to ensure that all people of our community, regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age or disability, enjoy the freedom to work, receive an

education, worship and celebrate without fear; and

WHEREAS Racism and all forms of bigotry yield unequal outcomes for housing,

education, employment, criminal justice, and healthcare; and

**WHEREAS** The Township's governing body of elected officials has committed to model

inclusive behavior at every opportunity, as expressed in the Core Value of

Equity, Diversity and Inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS By supporting education to bring evermore understanding and compassion

to our community, we promote the principle of unity in diversity. Together

we are stronger; and

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Esquimalt

proclaim September 21-27, 2024 as

"United Against Hate Week"

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins Mayor