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## PROCLAMATION

### *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Week September 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

**WHEREAS** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is internationally recognized as Grandparents Day; and

**WHEREAS** It is estimated that in BC more than 13,000 children are being raised by their grandparents (or other relatives); and

**WHEREAS** Children being raised by their grandparents (or other kinship care givers) can face trauma caused by: parental death, incarceration, addictions, mental illness, abandonment, abuse or neglect, witnessing family violence, removal from their home; and

**WHEREAS** Grandparents raising their grandchildren face grief, loss, isolation; judgement; lack of resources; and

**WHEREAS** Grandparents raising their grandchildren face financial hardship and worry about how to continue to provide for their grandchildren should they become incapable of caring for them and after they die; and

**WHEREAS** Despite these challenges, grandparents overwhelmingly say they “would do it all again”; and

**WHEREAS** Research shows that there are many benefits to children being raised by relatives such as: the ability to maintain community and family attachments, the stability of cultural and spiritual identity, the lifetime sense of belonging; and

**WHEREAS** Parent Support Services Society of BC is holding their annual Grandparents Day Celebration in Oak Bay to celebrate these grandparents (and other kinship caregivers);

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Nils Jensen, Mayor of the District of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim September 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Week.

Nils Jensen, Mayor  
District of Oak Bay

