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## PROCLAMATION

### *“Neighbour Day”*

**May 6, 2018**

**WHEREAS** Neighbour Day is a day designated to residents opening their doors and getting to know their neighbours through a variety of social activities and engagements; and

**WHEREAS** research shows that we, as humans, thrive on connection and healthy relationships; and

**WHEREAS** a sense of belonging impacts both our mental health and physical well-being, and

**WHEREAS** the 2012 Vancouver Foundation survey reports 46% of people seldom see their neighbours; and

**WHEREAS** the 2014 Victoria Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey reports Victoria residents know an average of only four neighbours well enough to ask a favour of; and

**WHEREAS** as demonstrated through Neighbourhood Block Watch meetings, connected neighbours make safer neighbourhoods; and

**WHEREAS** May 6, 2018 has been designated as Neighbour Day to promote and create safe, welcoming neighbourhood communities by increasing inclusion and reducing isolation through neighbor to neighbor connections.

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Nils Jensen, Mayor of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2018 as Neighbour Day throughout the District of Oak Bay and encourage all of our citizens to observe this day and open their doors to meet their neighbours.

Nils Jensen, Mayor  
District of Oak Bay

