



# PROCLAMATION

*November 16-20, 2020 as "Rising Economy Week"*

**WHEREAS** *the COVID pandemic has heavily impacted all communities throughout Southern Vancouver Island and underscored the need for collaborative, cross-sector response that will engage our citizens, ensure our region's economic resilience and create sustainable, inclusive economic growth into the future;*

**AND WHEREAS** *during Rising Economy Week, South Island Prosperity Partnership will announce the economic recovery recommendations developed by the multi-stakeholder Rising Economy Taskforce. These recommendations will focus on accelerating regional economic recovery and will help to create the resiliency within our communities to withstand future economic shocks;*

**AND WHEREAS** *South Island Prosperity Partnership responded to the unprecedented economic conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic by convening the Rising Economy Taskforce, a multi-stakeholder collaborative initiative made up of an alliance of over 65 public and private-sector partners on southern Vancouver Island, including 11 local governments, nine First Nations, three post-secondary institutions, nine industry associations and nonprofits, five Chambers of Commerce and more than 30 major employers;*

**AND WHEREAS** *the not-for-profit South Island Prosperity Partnership is committed to fulfilling its mandate to advance the economic growth and sustainable prosperity of the Southern Vancouver Island region;*

**NOW THEREFORE** *I, Ken Williams, Mayor of the District of Highlands do hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2020 as "Rising Economy Week" in the District of Highlands.*

  
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*Ken Williams, Mayor*

