



PROCLAMATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

September 2017

WHEREAS, *Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver* and *Big Sisters BC Lower Mainland* are important community organizations committed to helping children and youth reach their full potential by matching them with caring, volunteer mentors;

AND WHEREAS, evidence-based research has shown that for every dollar invested in Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring, society gets a return of \$18 dollars. In addition, youth who have a Big Brother or a Big Sisters are less likely to bully or be bullied, feel better about school, and are more likely to have a healthy and positive outlook on life well into adulthood;

AND WHEREAS, we believe that by changing the course of young lives we can in turn be changing the course of a community's future. That it could lead to a reduction in poverty and unemployment; to safer schools and neighbourhoods; or to a renewed optimism for growth.

AND WHEREAS, *Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver* and *Big Sisters BC Lower Mainland* rely heavily on the strength and dedication of its volunteers who, through their commitment and support, make a profound difference in the lives of children and youth in our community;

AND WHEREAS, the agency's goal is to expand its recruitment drive in order to serve more children and youth in our community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jack Forese Mayor of Langley, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** September, 2017 as **Big Brothers Big Sisters Month**. I encourage everyone to Volunteer or Donate by visiting www.imaginebbbs.ca and learn more about how you can get involved in giving young people the confidence to achieve more.