

- **WHEREAS** Indigenous women and girls are disproportionately targeted by violence, being at least twelve times more likely to be murdered or missing than any other women in Canada; AND
- WHEREAS according to a 2014 RCMP report "Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women: A National Operational Overview," the number of indigenous women who have gone missing or have been found murdered since 1980 was over 1,100; AND
- **WHERAS** the Red Dress Awareness Campaign seeks to recognize and inform the public about the increasingly high numbers of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls; AND
- **WHEREAS** the fourth and final installment of the Red Dress Installation will be hosted by the Town of Comox from September 29 to October 6, 2019;

THEREFORE as Chair of the Comox Valley Regional District Board, we encourage all residents of the Comox Valley to view the installation and hang a red dress to raise awareness to this important issue.

B. Wells

Bob Wells, Chair Dated this 25th day of September, 2019

