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## City Proclaims May as National Missing Children's Month in Parksville

Parksville, BC - The Mayor of the City of Parksville has proclaimed the month of May as *National Missing Children's Month* and Monday, May 25 as *Missing Children's Day* in Parksville.

The mandate of Child Find British Columbia is to educate children and adults about abduction prevention, to promote awareness of the problem of missing children, and to assist in the location of missing children. Child Find has recognized green as the colour of hope, which symbolizes a light in the darkness for all missing children.

Said Mayor Ed Mayne, "During the month of May, we are pleased to recognize Child Find BC's Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign which runs for the entire month of May, designed to draw public awareness to the issue of missing children in Canada."

Child Find is established across Canada as a network of charitable, non-profit organizations that deliver services to families whose children go missing unexpectedly. Child Find started in Alberta in 1983 in response to the disappearance of a six year old Edmonton girl and Child Find in British Columbia was established the same year. Chapters in Kelowna and Victoria were subsequently opened. Child Find has offices in Prince George and Victoria that provide coordination and serve as a resource across the province for families in need. Child Find works closely with community groups and the police in order to support families, protect children and educate the public. More information is available at www.childfindbc.com

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