




**PROCLAMATION
NANAIMO DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL WEEK
JULY 01-07/2012**

- WHEREAS: it is deemed desirable to designate Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival Week in order to recognize the contribution made by the Festival in the early diagnosis of breast cancer for women in our local communities; and
- WHEREAS: the sport of Dragon Boating contributes immeasurably to the physical, spiritual and social wealth of our communities; and
- WHEREAS: the International sport of Dragon Boating, part of a larger Chinese cultural tradition dating back 2400 years, still honours the ideals of Taoist culture through traditional ceremonies; and
- WHEREAS: Dragon Boat paddling fosters sportsmanship, fellowship and healthy competition; and
- WHEREAS: it is believed that all residents of Nanaimo would wish to observe a week that acknowledges that through the festival's many activities, people are reminded of the importance of loyalty and commitment to our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that the week of July 01-07/2012 shall be known as:

"NANAIMO DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL WEEK"

in the City of Nanaimo.


John Ruttan
MAYOR

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2012.

