



PROCLAMATION

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder International Awareness Day September 9, 2013

WHEREAS: children are our most important resource and it is our responsibility to care for, nurture and protect them; and

WHEREAS: statistics indicate that individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Canada and industrialized nations throughout the world, face the risk of permanent brain damage or learning disabilities, early school drop-out, homelessness, substance abuse and addictions, trouble with the law and mental illness; and

WHEREAS: to reduce the incidence of FASD, it is essential that women in pregnancy are provided with support and information; and

WHEREAS: parents, professionals, individuals living with FASD and other people around the world will observe the International FASD Awareness Day on Sept. 9, 2013, in order that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol.

NOW THEREFORE I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, on behalf of Nanaimo City Council and the citizens of our great city, do hereby proclaim that September 9, 2013, shall be known as

“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day”

in the City of Nanaimo, and I encourage everyone to act with compassion and understanding towards those individuals whose lives were affected by alcohol before they were born.


John Ruttan
MAYOR

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

