



**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY
JUNE 21/2014**

WHEREAS: the City of Nanaimo believes that it is beneficial for all Canadians to recognize the contributions of the Metis, Inuit and First Nations in Canada's development; and

WHEREAS: the opportunity to learn more about the Aboriginal cultural heritage of Canada, especially for our young people, will assist in creating harmony among all Canadians and promote a greater appreciation and acceptance of each others point of view; and

WHEREAS: the summer solstice holds significance for many Aboriginal groups, many of whom already celebrate their cultures and heritage on that day, and Canada has designated June 21 as National Aboriginal Day; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, hereby proclaim that June 21, 2014, shall be recognized and celebrated as

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

in the City of Nanaimo.



John Ruttan
MAYOR



DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2014.