



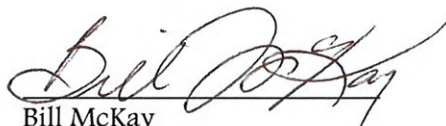
**PROCLAMATION  
NANAIMO & WORLD RIVERS DAY  
September 27, 2015**

- WHEREAS:** rivers are a vital part of our natural environment—upon which every living thing is dependent; and
- WHEREAS:** rivers have played significant roles throughout the history of habitation on Earth—for the well-being of plants and wildlife, and for both indigenous peoples and more recent human migration and settlement; and
- WHEREAS:** governments at all levels recognize the importance and significance of rivers for environmental, economic and recreation values, and desire to preserve this resource in its natural state; and
- WHEREAS:** in 2005, the United Nations declared the *Water for Life* decade, and incorporated World Rivers Day into its list of events; and since then, millions of people around the world annually celebrate their local rivers; and
- WHEREAS:** the Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable, an organization of private and public watershed stewards, strives to encourage a greater awareness of the value of the Nanaimo River and all other rivers in this region as an essential and precious resource; and
- WHEREAS:** World Rivers Day, which falls on Sunday, September 27th this year, provides an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate river systems and watersheds—both locally and world-wide—and to reflect on what we stand to lose should we fail to take care of them.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, be known as:

**"NANAIMO & WORLD RIVERS DAY"**

in the City of Nanaimo.

  
Bill McKay  
MAYOR

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

