



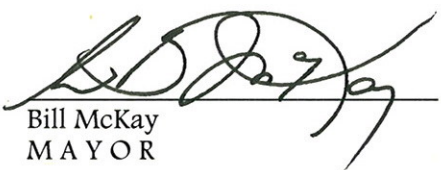
**PROCLAMATION
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
April 23 - 29 /2017**

- WHEREAS: our nation was founded upon a spirit of volunteerism, the talents and energies of Canadian volunteers; and
- WHEREAS: to build a society that is fair and just for all, we must work together in a spirit of love, respect and cooperation; and
- WHEREAS: Canada cannot look to government alone to solve all of its societal problems; and
- WHEREAS: the active involvement of citizens is needed today more than ever to combat growing human and social problems, to renew our belief that these problems can be solved, and to strengthen our sense of community; and
- WHEREAS: anyone can be a volunteer and reap the rich rewards that come from doing for others, as well as from improving one's own skills and widening one's horizons; and
- WHEREAS: volunteering offers all Canadians – young and old – the opportunity to participate in the life of their community and to link their talents and resources to address some of the major issues facing our cities, such as drug and alcohol abuse, education, hunger, youth, homelessness, our elderly; and
- WHEREAS: it is fitting for all Canadians to join in this celebration of our rich volunteer heritage and to give special recognition to the dedicated volunteers and volunteer programs which contribute immeasurably to communities throughout our City and country.

THEREFORE, I, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, hereby proclaim the week of April 23 – 29, 2017 as:

"VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK"

in the City of Nanaimo.


Bill McKay
MAYOR

DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

