

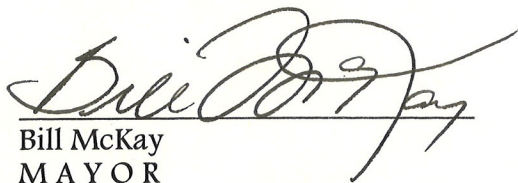
**PROCLAMATION  
"COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH"  
OCTOBER/2016**

- WHEREAS:** the Provincial Government proclaims October as Community Living Month every year; and,
- WHEREAS:** Community Living Month is a celebration of community inclusion throughout the Province of British Columbia; and,
- WHEREAS:** Canada ratified the United Nations' historic Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2010; and,
- WHEREAS:** a thriving community requires the inclusion and participation of all its members; and,
- WHEREAS:** the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community enables all people to contribute their gifts, talents, and abilities, and to secure their rightful place at home, at school, at work, and in the community; and,
- WHEREAS:** Community Living BC, a provincial Crown corporation, will be celebrating Community Living Month in partnership with the City of Nanaimo to raise public awareness about inclusion and support persons with diverse abilities to participate fully in societal life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that October 2016, shall be known as:**

**"COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH"**

in the City of Nanaimo.

  
Bill McKay  
MAYOR



DATED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.