



**PROCLAMATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA & WORLD RIVERS DAY
September 30, 2012**

- WHEREAS:** the rivers of British Columbia played an important role in the discovery and heritage of our Province; and
- WHEREAS:** rivers are an integral part of our natural environment upon which every living thing is dependent; and
- WHEREAS:** the Province, recognizing the importance and significance of rivers for environmental, economic, and recreation value for the citizens of British Columbia, desires to preserve this resource in its natural state; and
- WHEREAS:** the Mid Island Sustainability & Stewardship Initiative, in cooperation with private and public stewards of our lands and waters, and the citizens of the Province, strives to encourage a greater awareness of the value of this resource among all residents; and
- WHEREAS:** in 2005, the United Nations declared the "Water for Life" decade and incorporated a World Rivers Day into its list of events; and since then millions of people around the world annually celebrate their local rivers; and
- WHEREAS:** BC and World Rivers Day coincide on September 30th this year, providing a chance to celebrate local, provincial and the world's river systems and watersheds, and to reflect on what we stand to lose should we fail to take care of them.

NOW THEREFORE, I John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim September 30th, 2012, be known as:

"BRITISH COLUMBIA & WORLD RIVERS DAY"

in the City of Nanaimo.


John Ruttan
MAYOR

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

