



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY September 9, 2020**

WHEREAS: children are our most important resource and it is our responsibility to care for, nurture and protect them; and

WHEREAS: statistics indicate that individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Canada and industrialized nations throughout the world, face the risk of permanent brain damage or learning disabilities, early school drop-out, homelessness, substance abuse and addictions, trouble with the law and mental illness; and

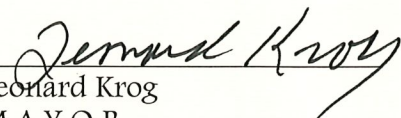
WHEREAS: it is essential that women in pregnancy are provided with support and information to reduce the incidence of FASD; and,

WHEREAS: parents, professionals, individuals living with FASD and other people around the world will observe the International FASD Awareness Day on Sept. 9, 2020, in order that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2020 as:

### **FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY**

in the City of Nanaimo.

  
Leonard Krog  
MAYOR

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020

