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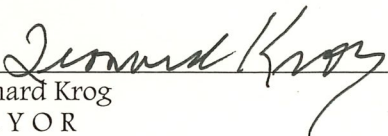
NATIONAL FOREST WEEK  
September 19 ~ 25, 2021

- WHEREAS: spanning 57 million hectares, British Columbia's tree cover is the country's largest and provides an indispensable source of ecological, cultural, health, social and economic benefits; and
- WHEREAS: its forests are also located on the traditional territory of diverse Indigenous nations and provide nourishment and cultural value to these groups; and
- WHEREAS: Nanaimo's vibrant tree canopy offers valuable recreational opportunities to its residents; and
- WHEREAS: its forested green spaces act as a center for physical, mental, social and community well-being; and
- WHEREAS: its urban forest also contributes essential ecological services to the city such as erosion reduction, storm water retention, cooling and air quality improvement; and
- WHEREAS: Nanaimo's tree cover acts as a vital tool of resilience and sustainability in the face of climate change; and
- WHEREAS: National Forest Week is an annual one-week campaign, which recognizes its critical contribution to Canada and its people. This year, National Forest Week will be celebrated across the country by individuals and organizations with the theme of "*Our Forests - Continually Giving*" and will encourage Canadians to reflect on the role of forests within their everyday lives.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim September 19 ~ 25, 2021 as:

NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

in the City of Nanaimo, British Columbia.

  
Leonard Krog  
MAYOR

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021

