



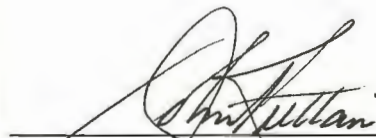
**PROCLAMATION**  
**INTERNATIONAL DARWIN DAY**

- WHEREAS: February 12, 2013, is the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin in 1809; and
- WHEREAS: Charles Darwin is recognized for the development of the theory of evolution by the mechanism of natural selection; and
- WHEREAS: Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection is recognized as the foundation of modern biology, an essential tool in understanding the natural world and the development of life on earth; and
- WHEREAS: Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection has provided, and continues to provide, the basis for great advances in science, medicine, and philosophy; and
- WHEREAS: The anniversary of Darwin's birthday is an appropriate period on which to reflect and celebrate the importance of scientific advancement to all people; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Nanaimo is rightfully proud of its commitment to scientifically-based environmental awareness, appropriate technology, and progressive education.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, proclaim that February 12, 2013, be known as:

**International Darwin Day**

in the City of Nanaimo.

  
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John Ruttan  
MAYOR

DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.

