



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS GLOBAL WEEK OF INCLUSION July 18 ~ 24, 2022**

WHEREAS: July 2022 marks the anniversary of the global Special Olympics movement, with the first International Special Olympics Games being held on July 20, 1968, at Soldier Field in Chicago; and

WHEREAS: Special Olympics has become a global movement for change and social justice, using sports, health and education to empower more than 3 million athletes with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities around the world; and

WHEREAS: Special Olympics sport programs operate year-round here in our community, providing vital opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to show their skills, build their health and fitness, and create vital friendships; and

WHEREAS: The pandemic has been extremely difficult for people with intellectual disabilities, who were already far too familiar with the pain of isolation, and today it is more important than ever to support them and the year-round Special Olympics sport programs where they belong and thrive; and

WHEREAS: Special Olympics will celebrate their Global Week of Inclusion in July 2022, calling for people around the world to commit to making their communities more inclusive for people with intellectual disabilities

NOW THEREFORE I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim July 18 ~ 24, 2022 as:

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS GLOBAL WEEK OF INCLUSION**

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

  
Leonard Krog  
MAYOR

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022

