



**PROCLAMATION
'METIS CULTURAL AWARENESS WEEK'
NOVEMBER 12 - 17, 2012**

WHEREAS: November 16 is the Metis Nation's remembrance of Louis Riel and his vision for our people and a date of celebration as well for the survival of our nation and our culture; and

WHEREAS: the Metis Nation are an Aboriginal people, officially recognized in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and in the Constitution Act of 1982 as one of the three Aboriginal people of Canada, along with the Indian and Inuit peoples; and

WHEREAS: the Metis Nation have a very rich history and culture that blends their Indian and European roots. Over the past 200+ years, this blending has resulted in the creation of our distinct culture and our distinct Metis Nation. It is their hope that by sharing their culture and history, the community will have a better, more positive awareness of the Metis Nation.

NOW THEREFORE I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that November 12 - 17, 2012, shall be known as

METIS CULTURAL AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Nanaimo.



John Ruttan
MAYOR

DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

