



PROCLAMATION  
DAY OF THE HONEY BEE  
MAY 29/2013

WHEREAS: the Honey Bee has been known by mankind since at least 6000 B.C. as evidenced by rock paintings in Spain found in 1924; and

WHEREAS: honey bees have been used by mankind as a food source through domestication since at least 5000 B.C. In that ancient time they were regarded as tears of the Sun God Ra by the Ancient Egyptians and honey was believed to ward against evil spirits; and

WHEREAS: honey and bee's wax have also been used throughout the Stone Age in medicines and good through to the present day. In pre-industrial times, the Honey Bee was respected and beekeepers were wealthy and esteemed leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS: today, unfortunately, in many ways, Mankind is still in the Stone Age with regards to understanding these creatures that predate our own species by millennia. It was only in the 18<sup>th</sup> century that mankind understood the nature and origin of the materials that Honey Bees collect that result in bee's wax and honey; and

WHEREAS: it was only after 1851 that a way was devised to extract honey from hives without killing these industrious insects. It was at this same time that the Honey Bee was found in almost every country around the world; and

WHEREAS: the results of this declaration will be to raise the level of awareness and respect for Honey Bees back to some of the former glory it witnessed in ancient Egypt.

NOW THEREFORE I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013, be proclaimed:

"DAY OF THE HONEY BEE"

in the City of Nanaimo.

John Ruttan  
MAYOR

DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2013.

