

PROCLAMATION

"BLUES WEEK" August 9 ~16, 2020

WHEREAS: the Nanaimo Blues Society is a BC registered non-profit society founded in

2004 with the intent to add culture and vitality to the City of Nanaimo in the

form of Live Blues Music; and

WHEREAS: the Arts and Culture of Nanaimo is enhanced by the Society's aim to ensure the

unique history and nature of the Blues genre continues to educate a diverse audience on the healing aspects of this musical gift that enriched the lives of so

many during a time of oppression and hardship; and

WHEREAS: the Blues fosters an inclusiveness that encourages the sharing of musical

knowledge as well as creating opportunities for artistic development and social

interactions amongst all citizens regardless of culture or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS: the Society supports local businesses annually in an effort to improve the

economic growth of the community, build lasting partnerships with other organisations, and to provide much needed donations to the local food bank

supporting the lives of those in need; and

WHEREAS: the Nanaimo Blues Society continues to present live blues music events

showcasing local, regional, and international talent including the very successful annual Summertime Blues Festival that has grown stronger each and

every year; and

WHEREAS during our tenth year of the Summertime Blues Festival being held at Maffeo

Sutton Park, the Society continues to encourage growth and awareness of the Blues genre sponsoring acoustic performances at local venues in the days leading up to this years Festival expanding our reach to the community and

establishing an annual Blues Week in Nanaimo.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that

August 9 \sim 16, 2020 be known as:

"BLUES WEEK"

in the City of Nanaimo

Leonard Krog
MAYOR

Dated this 4th day of March 2020