

PROCLAMATION INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK February 3 – 9/2013

WHEREAS: Canadian citizens are increasingly aware that we live in an interconnected world where our commitments and actions make a difference in global environmental, social and economic well being; and

WHEREAS: Nanaimo demonstrates its commitment to international cooperation through the work of many individuals and agencies; and

WHEREAS: Vancouver Island University is engaged in many international activities including a new agreement to deliver Geographic Information Systems training to civil servants in Ukraine with support from the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency; and

WHEREAS: the Government of Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency celebrate Canada's contribution to international development during the first week of February each year, and

WHEREAS: local action is an essential path toward social justice around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim February 3 - 9, 2013, as International Development Week and urge all citizens to consider the contributions they can make to promoting human rights, equal access to resources, and social justice in communities around the world.

Mayor John Ruttan

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

