



**PROCLAMATION
'A DAY FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE'
DECEMBER 11TH, 2014**

WHEREAS: our long-term economic, ecological, social and cultural goals form the four pillars of sustainable development,

WHEREAS: the UN General Assembly formally adopted the tenets of sustainable development on December 11th 1987 when Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland presented the report, '*Our Common Future*', on behalf of the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED),

WHEREAS: the Brundtland report defines sustainable development as "Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs",

WHEREAS: Canada played a critical role in fostering and writing *Our Common Future*,

WHEREAS: the World Bank's recent report, '*Turn Down the Heat*', warns that adverse effects of global warming are likely to undermine sustainable, and all development efforts and goals - and recommends increased support for adaptation, mitigation, inclusive green growth and climate-smart development,

WHEREAS: local Vancouver Island communities are fortunate to be surrounded by a resilient resource base; with a secure, long-term food and water supply available by practicing sustainable development,

WHEREAS: local measures to protect our coastal lands and waters include measures for conservation, biodiversity, habitat and watershed protection that integrate renewable resources, climate-smart and sustainable development initiatives,

WHEREAS: a healthy approach to sustainable development will find ways to bring a balanced growth to Vancouver Island that meets economic, social, environmental and cultural goals for everyone's benefit,

& WHEREAS: the residents, businesses, governments and communities of Vancouver Island have opportunity to implement recommendations that balance both our societies and nature's needs while furthering Brundtland's global goals for sustainable development.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim December 11th 2014, be known as:

"A DAY FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE"
in the City of Nanaimo.


John Ruttan
MAYOR

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.