



## PROCLAMATION

### WORLD LYMPHEDEMA DAY March 6, 2021

WHEREAS: Lymphedema is an incurable condition affecting more than 1 million Canadians including 30-40% of all cancer survivors with disfigurement, disabilities, discomfort and distress; and

WHEREAS: many British Columbians are living with Lymphedema, an accumulation of lymphatic fluid that causes chronic swelling in the arms, legs, or other areas of the body, affecting men, women and children and causing a severe financial, physical and psychological impact on the lives of patients; and

WHEREAS: WHEREAS there is a desperate need to raise the level of knowledge about lymphedema within the medical community for timely diagnosis, and management, so people no longer go untreated due to lack of knowledge about treatment; and

WHEREAS: the lack of focus on this condition has resulted in inadequate education, and a lack of effective clinical or surgical treatment, plus a drastic shortage of trained medical professionals; and

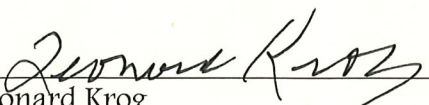
WHEREAS: WHEREAS the mandate of the BC Lymphedema Association is to bring attention to this distressing disease and to promote healthy and hopeful living with lymphedema through education, awareness, advocacy, and support for all people in British Columbia living with lymphedema, and for their families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS: communities throughout Canada are demonstrating their support for people living with lymphedema by honouring them and those that provide love, encouragement, and commitment to meeting the needs of lymphedema patients.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2021 as:

### WORLD LYMPHEDEMA DAY

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

  
Leonard Krog  
MAYOR

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021

