



## **PROCLAMATION**

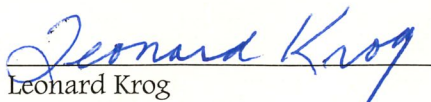
### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION February 6, 2022**

- WHEREAS: International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is an opportunity to honour everyone ~ including women, girls, boys, men and gender diverse people ~ who are actively and courageously working towards an end to this harmful practice; and
- WHEREAS: 4.1 million girls are still at risk for mutilation each year, including girls in Canada; and
- WHEREAS: female genital mutilation (FGM) is an issue in more than 90 countries on every continent except Antarctica, and there are at least 200 million FGM survivors in the world, including an estimated 100,000 or more survivors in Canada; and
- WHEREAS: FGM has no benefits and causes only harm, including death, difficulties with urination, menstruation and sexual intimacy; post-traumatic stress disorder, gender dysphoria and body dysmorphia and increased maternal and child mortality ~ and is recognized by the United Nations and other global organizations as child abuse and an abuse of a girl's fundamental human rights; and
- WHEREAS: International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate all national and international efforts, especially grassroots efforts, to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5, which calls for the elimination of FGM and other harmful practices by 2030; and
- WHEREAS the City of Nanaimo supports the human rights of women and girls, so they can live a life free from the violence that is female genital mutilation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

  
Leonard Krog  
MAYOR

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022

