

## PROCLAMATION

## ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH September 2023

- WHEREAS: community support has been critical throughout the Arthritis Society Canada's 75-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with cutting-edge research, bold innovation, fiery advocacy, and evidence-based information and patient-centered support; and
- WHEREAS: arthritis is not just arthritis. Arthritis is serious. It causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. Six million Canadians  $\sim 1$  in 5  $\sim$  live every day with the fire of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of Canadians with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040; and
- WHEREAS: during Arthritis Awareness Month in September, we seek to raise voices and awareness, and we are encouraging everyone who lives with arthritis ~ and all those who know and love them ~ to fight the fire of arthritis; and
- WHEREAS: the Arthritis Society Canada is a Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as:

## ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

Mart Leonard Krog

M A Y O R Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023