

## PROCLAMATION

## BLUES MUSIC WEEK August 3 ~ 9, 2025

WHEREAS: the Nanaimo Blues Society is a BC registered non-profit society founded in

2004 with the mandate to add culture and vitality to the City of Nanaimo in the form of live Blues music events and an annual downtown Blues Festival; and

WHEREAS: the Arts and Culture of Nanaimo is enhanced by the Society's aim to ensure the

unique history and nature of the Blues genre continues to educate a diverse audience on the healing aspects of this musical gift that enriched the lives of so

many during a time of oppression and hardship; and

WHEREAS: the Society fosters an inclusiveness that encourages diverse audiences coming

together to celebrate music and community through Blues music; and

WHEREAS: the Society collaborates with local businesses and organizations in an effort to

improve the economic growth of the community; and

WHEREAS: the Society presents live Blues music events showcasing local, regional, and

international talent including the weekly Sunday Blues Jam at The Queens and

annual Nanaimo Blues Festival; and

WHEREAS as we reach our 20th year of the Nanaimo Blues Festival being held in Nanaimo

the Society continues to encourage growth and awareness of the music and history of the Blues genre and create welcoming and inclusive spaces for all

people to come together to celebrate music.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that

August  $3 \sim 9$ , 2025 be known as:

BLUES MUSIC WEEK

in the City of Nanaimo

Leonard Krog M A Y O R

Dated this 23th day of June 2025