



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY**

**August 20, 2025**

WHEREAS: St. Stephen's Day is celebrated on August 20 and is an official national holiday in Hungary. Its celebrations are pivotal since this is the day when the foundations of the state of Hungary were laid. This day is observed in order to pay tribute to King Stephen thanks to whom the establishment of the state of Hungary became possible; and

WHEREAS: St. Stephen's Day holds a long and interesting history. It begins with Stephen the Grand Prince of the Hungarians who laid the foundations of the state. Until the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> century, the Hungarians were in conflict with other European countries. In 955 A.D., Hungarian tribes suffered a major military loss and the tribal heads decided to give up their raids and concentrate on building a strong state. Stephen was of the view that the conversion of Magyar to Christianity can serve as a great way of settling down and strengthening the state; and

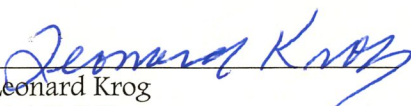
WHEREAS: Stephen received a crown from Pope Sylvester II and the honor of becoming the first King of Hungary in 1000 A.D. His crown is considered a holy treasure and is still found in Hungary's precious treasures. Stephen died on August 15, 1038 A.D. On August 20, 1083 A.D., he was made a Catholic saint. Ladislaus I declared August 20 a holy day and it was first celebrated in 1092 A.D. It was celebrated as St. Stephen's Feast Day until 1771 when Queen Maria Theresia expanded it from a church feast to an official national holiday. It further went through amendments and in 1950, the holiday's name was changed to Constitution Day. The Hungarian parliament reinstated it as the commemoration of St. Stephen's Feast Day to celebrate the foundation of the Hungarian state; and

WHEREAS: cordially invite all residents of Nanaimo to take part in St. Stephen's Day on August 23, 2025 event at 4840 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo BC and visit [www.nanaimoMagyarHaz.com](http://www.nanaimoMagyarHaz.com) and Facebook page.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2025 as:

### **SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY**

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

  
Leonard Krog  
MAYOR  
Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025

