



PROCLAMATION

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH September 2026

WHEREAS: nationwide community support has been critical throughout Arthritis Society Canada's 78-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with research, advocacy, innovation, information and support.; and

WHEREAS: arthritis is a serious disease that causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. More than six million people in Canada ~ 1 in 5 ~ live with the brutal realities of arthritis everyday and there is no cure. It is the leading cause of disability in Canada and costs our economy \$45.9 billion in healthcare expenses and lost productivity. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of people in Canada with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2045; and

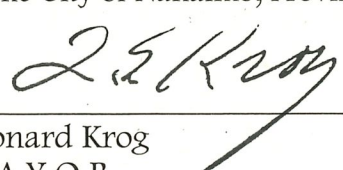
WHEREAS: During *Arthritis Awareness Month* in September, we will raise awareness, mobilize and engage communities to understand the devastating impact of arthritis, and stand with us to fight for an arthritis-free future. We recognize the work underway to develop a nationwide Arthritis Action Now: The Plan to End Arthritis, Canada's first actionable, coordinated strategy to prevent, better treat, and ultimately cure arthritis through advocacy efforts and research investments; and

WHEREAS: Arthritis Society Canada is 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 2026 as:

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.


Leonard Krog
MAYOR

Dated this 22nd day of July 2026

