



PROCLAMATION

SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY

August 20, 2026

WHEREAS: St. Stephen's Day, celebrated annually on August 20, is one of Hungary's most important national holidays. It commemorates the founding of the Hungarian State and honours King Stephen I, the first King of Hungary, whose leadership established the Kingdom of Hungary and secured its place among the Christian nations of Europe; and During the late 10th century, following years of conflict, the Hungarian people sought to build a stable and united nation. Grand Prince Stephen recognized that embracing Christianity and establishing strong institutions would provide the foundation for a peaceful and enduring state. On Christmas Day 1000 A.D. (or January 1, 1001, according to some historical accounts), Stephen was crowned King of Hungary with a crown sent by Pope Sylvester II, marking the birth of the Kingdom of Hungary; and Following his death in 1038 A.D., Stephen was canonized as a saint in 1083 A.D., and August 20 became his feast day. Over the centuries, the celebration evolved from a religious observance into Hungary's official national holiday, honouring both St. Stephen and the founding of the Hungarian State. Today, it remains a day of national pride, cultural celebration, and remembrance for Hungarians around the world; and The Nanaimo Hungarian Cultural Society, in collaboration with the Hungarian Families of Victoria, proudly continues this tradition by bringing together the community to celebrate Hungarian heritage, culture, food, music, and family through its annual St. Stephen's Day Hungarian Picnic; and the Nanaimo Hungarian Cultural Society cordially invites all residents and visitors of Nanaimo and the surrounding communities to join in celebrating St. Stephen's Day at the Annual Hungarian Picnic on: Saturday, August 22 2:00 p.m. 4840 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, British Columbia 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 and Facebook page.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2026 as:

SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

Mayor Leonard Krog

Dated this 18th day of August 2026

