



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM MONTH March 2023**

WHEREAS: according to the Canadian Human Rights Act, all individuals deserve the liberty to enjoy life and respect for their rights regardless of race, creed or gender identity; and

WHEREAS: the Iranian-Canadian community of Nanaimo has organized weekly gatherings since October 2022 in support of the courageous demonstrations of Iranian women, girls and men, many of whom are being killed or arrested and tortured, for their fundamental human rights, with the rallying cry of Woman, Life, Freedom; and

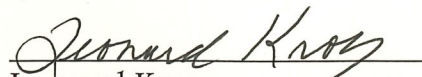
WHEREAS: the commemoration of the International Women's Day happens in March to raise awareness about discrimination and promote gender equity; and

WHEREAS: Nowruz, the Persian New Year, happens in March and is a celebration of life in harmony with the renewal of nature. It symbolizes the hopes of Iranians around the world for a new era without discrimination.

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

### **WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM MONTH**

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

  
Leonard Krog  
MAYOR

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

