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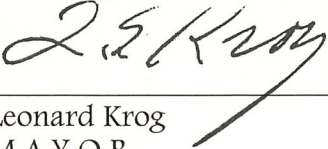
NATIONAL DENTAL CARE DAY
October 10, 2025

- WHEREAS: access to dental care remains a significant barrier for many Canadians, particularly underserved and vulnerable populations; and
- WHEREAS: oral health is essential to overall health, dignity, and quality of life, yet many individuals forgo necessary dental treatment due to cost or lack of access; and
- WHEREAS: National Dental Care Day is a civic initiative held annually on October 10, during which dental professionals across Canada volunteer their time and services to provide free cleanings, fillings, or extractions to those in need; and
- WHEREAS: the initiative was founded by Dr. Raj Khanuja, recipient of the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship, and is supported by the National Dental Care Day Foundation, which aims to bring smiles and dignity back into every Canadian community—one chair, one day at a time; and
- WHEREAS: the goal of National Dental Care Day is to promote compassion, health equity, and a culture of service within the dental profession; and
- WHEREAS: by supporting this proclamation, the City of Nanaimo inspires its dental community to participate and helps raise public awareness about the importance of accessible dental care; and
- WHEREAS: municipalities across Canada are joining this growing coast-to-coast movement to recognize October 10 as National Dental Care Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2025 as:

NATIONAL DENTAL CARE DAY

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.



Leonard Krog
MAYOR

Dated this 24th day of June 2025