

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

PROCLAMATION

OCEAN DISCOVERY DAYS

JUNE 4 – JULY 4, 2009

WHEREAS the world's oceans form one of the planet's most cherished and valuable resources, and

WHEREAS the world's oceans generate oxygen, feed us, regulate climate, clean our water supplies, provide a pharmacopoeia of medicines, and are a major cornerstone of our economy through fishing, aquaculture, boat building, transportation, ocean-related tourism and research, and

WHEREAS it is undeniable that the increasing stress placed on this resource from over-fishing, habitat destruction, solid waste, sewage, fertilizers, toxic chemicals, and global warming has resulted in ocean acidification and biodiversity threat, and

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon us all to act as advocates in stewardship of the oceans to protect them for future generations, and

WHEREAS the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre in Sidney, BC has been developed as a unique environmental education centre dedicated to championing the ocean that will open its doors on June 20th, 2009, and

WHEREAS the communities of the Saanich Peninsula have enthusiastically embraced the decision to establish a focused celebration of the oceans in 2009 to demonstrate concern for this resource and to celebrate the opening of the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre,

NOW THEREFORE I, Alice Finall, Mayor of the District of North Saanich, do hereby proclaim June 4th – July 4th, 2009 to be "***Ocean Discovery Days***" in the District of North Saanich.

IN WITNESS, I set my hand this 11th day of May 2009.

ALICE FINALL
MAYOR

