

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

PROCLAIMS

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2009

WORLD DIABETES DAY

WHEREAS Diabetes is a serious condition affecting more than 250 million people worldwide including 2.4 million Canadians and many of our fellow citizens and their families in North Saanich; and

WHEREAS the United Nations General Assembly has designated the current World Diabetes Day, November 14, as an official United Nations World Health Day to recognize the diabetes epidemic; and

WHEREAS type 1 diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases to affect children of all ages, even toddlers and babies, while type 2 diabetes, once thought of as a disease affecting adults only, is increasing fast among children and adolescents as well as adults; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Diabetes Association and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation have joined together to invite governmental and non-governmental organizations to observe World Diabetes Day in order to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications, and

NOW THEREFORE I, Alice Finall, Mayor of the District of North Saanich, do hereby proclaim *November 14th as "World Diabetes Day"* in the District of North Saanich. I call upon all citizens to combat this disease and its life-threatening complications by familiarizing themselves with the diabetes warning signs, making healthy lifestyle choices and by accessing the best quality of care that British Columbia provides to its citizens with diabetes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 20th day of October 2009.

ALICE FINALL
MAYOR