

## NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

hereas National Forest Week is an annual campaign celebrated across the country with the theme this year of "Our Forests – Continually Giving"; and

WHEREAS Burnaby has vast tree cover, including parks, green spaces and conservation areas which make up nearly 25 per cent of our land base; and

WHEREAS Burnaby's forested areas provide endless recreational opportunities for our residents and act as a centre for physical, mental, social and community wellbeing; and

WHEREAS Our urban forests are ecologically valuable contributing essential environmental benefits such as pollution reduction, stormwater retention, cooling and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS Burnaby's urban trees, with their carbon sequestration and cooling capacities, are an important part of our Climate Action Plan and achieving our goal of becoming a carbon neutral community by 2050.

NOW THEREFORE I, MIKE HURLEY, MAYOR OF BURNABY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 19-25 AS

## "NATIONAL FOREST WEEK"

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Dated this Thirtieth Day of August, 2021 A.D.

MIKE HURLEY

MAYOR

