



TOWN OF COMOX – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# PROCLAMATION

## Lyme Disease Awareness Month

### May 2022

**WHEREAS** Lyme disease and Lyme co-infections are the fastest-growing vector-borne infections in Canada and impact the quality of life of thousands of individuals and their families in British Columbia and across Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Lyme disease and Lyme co-infections are difficult to diagnose and treat, and, if left untreated, symptoms may result in complicated multi-level infections that are life-altering; and

**WHEREAS** As the range of this disease continues to expand across North America, Public Health Canada anticipates an increase in reported Lyme disease cases in British Columbia and Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Lyme disease is preventable if the right precautions are taken, and it is important that everyone know how to protect themselves and their loved ones from this vector-borne disease; and

**WHEREAS** Lyme Disease Awareness Month is an opportunity to increase awareness of this serious disease and to educate on prevention and recognition of early signs and symptoms.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

*I, Mayor Arnott, do hereby declare  
May 2022 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month  
in the Town of Comox.*

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**Mayor Russ Arnott**