



P R O C L A M A T I O N  
CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia  
January 29, 2023**

**WHEREAS** On January 29, 2017, a white gunman entered the Islamic Cultural Centre mosque in Quebec City and opened fire on dozens of Muslim worshipers; and

**WHEREAS** By the time the shooting had ended, six had been tragically killed: Ibrahima Barry, Mamadou Tanou Barry, Khaled Belkacemi, Aboubaker Thabti, Abdelkrim Hassane, and Azzedine Soufiane lost their lives that night, and 19 more were injured; and

**WHEREAS** Muslim communities across Canada were, and continue to be, affected by this and other acts of hate, racism, white supremacy, and Islamophobia; and

**WHEREAS** Many cities including Vancouver Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton, Markham, Hamilton, and Windsor have all designated January 29 as a Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia.; and

**WHEREAS** Municipalities across Canada commemorate the events of January 29 with their Muslim community partners, and there is a nation-wide campaign for the federal government to recognise the day nationally (<https://www.january29.ca/about>).

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 29, 2023 as a **Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia** in the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia.

Patrick Johnstone  
MAYOR

