



P R O C L A M A T I O N


CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**Red Dress Day 2023
May 5, 2023**

- WHEREAS** Red Dress Day honours the memory and lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people across Canada and the US.
- WHEREAS** The day has grown into a movement to educate and create awareness and calls to action for systemic change.
- WHEREAS** Métis artist Jaime Black helped inspire the red dress movement, where red dresses are hung from windows and trees as a representation of the pain and loss felt by loved ones and survivors.
- WHEREAS** Indigenous women and girls are five times more likely to experience violence than any other population in Canada. This is a national crisis that requires urgent, informed and collaborative action.
- WHEREAS** Non-Indigenous people have a role to play in the fight for justice for missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people in this country.
- WHEREAS** A Red Dress Campaign is being organized jointly in New Westminister from May 1-31, 2023 by Spirit of the Children Society and the City of New Westminister.
- WHEREAS** The City of New Westminister has declared A Year of Truth and encourages New Westminister residents to join the City on its reconciliation journey.
- NOW
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminister do hereby proclaim May 5, 2023 as

**RED DRESS DAY, Also Known As, NATIONAL DAY OF
AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS
WOMEN AND GIRLS AND TWO-SPIRIT PEOPLE**

In the City of New Westminister, Province of British Columbia.


Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

