



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA
MAY 17, 2023**

- WHEREAS** the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression;
- WHEREAS** Quebec is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions;
- WHEREAS** despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBT people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society.
- WHEREAS** May 17th is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, is celebrated as such in many countries and is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Émergence starting in 2003.
- WHEREAS** there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day;
- NOW
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim May 17 2023 as

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TRANSPHOBIA**

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

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

