



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**PRIDE WEEK
AUGUST 10 – 20, 2023**

WHEREAS All people seek recognition and respect of their human and civil rights which are accorded to citizens in a free and democratic society; and

WHEREAS Internationally and close to home, homophobia, transphobia, and hateful rhetoric and actions are threatening the peace, well-being, and lives of Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual people, as well as people who are allies to or identify with the community yet cannot be restricted by a label; and

WHEREAS New Westminster City Council's first strategic priority is Community Belonging and Connecting, which is viewed through a context of diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism; and

WHEREAS The aim of Pride Week is to promote education in diversity, equality, and belonging as well as providing opportunities for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community to connect for the good of all.

**NOW
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim August 10 – 20, 2023 as

PRIDE WEEK

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


Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

