



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**“Enqutatash”  
Ethiopian Day and Ethiopian Heritage Month  
September 2023**

- WHEREAS** Ethiopians arrived in BC as early as the 1940s, primarily as students and subsequently as permanent residents and new Canadians; and
- WHEREAS** September 12th is a day to reflect on Ethiopians' many contributions to Canada as they actively help the process of building a more diverse, equitable and just community, particularly in the City of New Westminster; and
- WHEREAS** The Ethiopian Community Association of BC (ECA) is established to preserve and promote the 3000 years of Ethiopian cultural heritage, thereby contributing to Canada's cultural mosaic; and
- WHEREAS** ECA is committed to fostering a strong working relationship with all levels of government to create a space for Ethiopians and other African communities to participate in the civic process actively.
- NOW  
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, September 12th, 2023** as

**“Enqutatash” Ethiopian Day and  
the month of September as Ethiopian Heritage Month**

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

Patrick Johnstone  
MAYOR

