



**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, 2024**

- WHEREAS** On January 29, 2017, a white gunman entered the Islamic Cultural Centre mosque in Quebec City and opened fire on dozens of Muslim worshippers; 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** To commemorate January 29, Muslim communities in Vancouver have held vigils, discussions, and other events, including an annual vigil during evening prayers at the Vancouver Al-jamia Mosque on 8th Ave, which is the oldest mosque in BC;
- WHEREAS** The cities of Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton, Markham, Hamilton, and Windsor have all designated January 29 as a Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia. Many 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 recognize the day nationally;
- NOW THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 29, 2024 as a

**Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia**

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

  
Patrick Johnstone  
MAYOR

