



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

INDIGENOUS SURVIVORS DAY JUNE 30, 2024

- WHEREAS** the City of New Westminster acknowledges the enduring historical injustices faced by Indigenous peoples, rooted in colonization, forced assimilation, and systemic injustices; and
- WHEREAS** the designation of June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day provides a significant opportunity to recognize and honor the resilience, strength, and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities that have endured historical traumas, including the 60s Scoop, the Millennium Scoop, birth alerts, and the enduring legacy of residential schools; and
- WHEREAS** by proclaiming June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day, the City of New Westminster aims to create a crucial platform for healing, education, and dialogue. This initiative seeks to raise awareness about the unique struggles faced by Indigenous peoples, emphasizing the need for understanding and support; and
- WHEREAS** this observance serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing challenges confronted by Indigenous people and communities in the City of New Westminster; and
- WHEREAS** through the implementation of Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, 2024, the City of New Westminster reaffirms its dedication to honoring Indigenous survivors, promoting healing, and actively contributing to the construction of a more equitable and inclusive city for all.
- NOW
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim June 30, 2024 as

INDIGENOUS SURVIVORS DAY

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

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR