



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**PRIDE WEEK
AUGUST 9 – 18, 2024**

- 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 still threaten 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 Westminister 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 Westminister do hereby proclaim August 9 – 18, 2024 as

PRIDE WEEK

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Johnstone'.

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR