



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY May 14, 2025

- WHEREAS** May 14, 2025, marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised throughout New Westminster BC, Canada, about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, an extremely challenging neurological speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children.
- WHEREAS** Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech disorders in children.
- WHEREAS** the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with Apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years.
- WHEREAS** without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with Apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts including socially and on their futures.
- WHEREAS** public awareness about Childhood Apraxia of Speech in Vancouver, BC, Canada, is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice.
- WHEREAS** our highest respect goes to these children and their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles.
Let it be resolved that May 14, 2025, is "Apraxia Awareness Day" for citizens of New Westminster, BC, Canada.
- NOW THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim May 14, 2025 as

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

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

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

