

PROCLAMATION

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

June 30, 2025

WHEREAS New Westminster City Council acknowledges the historical

injustices endured by Indigenous peoples through colonial policies, including the Sixties Scoop, Millennium Scoop, birth alerts, and other practices that disrupted Indigenous families and

communities;

WHEREAS Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30 provides an opportunity to

honor the resilience, strength, and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities who have persevered through family separation,

forced assimilation, and systemic discrimination;

WHEREAS this observance creates a platform for healing, education, and

dialogue, raising awareness of Indigenous challenges and

celebrating resilience;

WHEREAS by establishing Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, New

Westminster City Council affirms its commitment to honoring Indigenous survivors, promoting healing, and fostering an

inclusive and equitable community.

NOW THEREFORE I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do

hereby proclaim June 30th, 2025 as

INDIGENOUS SURVIVORS DAY

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

Patrick Johnstone

MAYOR

