



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Elizabeth Fry Week

May 4 - 9, 2026

- WHEREAS** the first Elizabeth Fry Society in the world was formed in British Columbia in 1939 to help women in conflict with the law and youth at risk; and
- WHEREAS** The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver is celebrating its 85th year of service to the people of this city in 2024—a major milestone for the organization and the tens of thousands of clients, volunteers, staff and partners that have been impacted by the organization’s work; and
- WHEREAS** To continue in its worthwhile and valued endeavors, The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver requests increased support from the people of the city of New Westminster, and
- WHEREAS** Elizabeth Fry Week is an opportunity to celebrate the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver’s enduring legacy as a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to providing support to women, girls and children involved in or affected by the justice system.
- NOW
THEREFORE** I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 to 9, 2026 as

ELIZABETH FRY WEEK

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

Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR

