



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY  
December 18, 2021**

- WHEREAS** On December 18, 1990, the UN General Assembly adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families; and
- WHEREAS** The International Migrants Day has been observed throughout the world every year since 2000, when the UN General Assembly appointed this day to promote awareness of the large and increasing number of migrants in the world; and
- WHEREAS** This is an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by migrant workers who are also essential workers to the economy of New Westminster and in BC, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS** This is also an opportunity to draw attention to the situation of migrant workers, which includes low-skilled temporary foreign workers, caregivers, and the seasonal agricultural workers, especially to their precarious and vulnerable working and living conditions, their access to basic services and social entitlements;
- WHEREAS** This also builds on the City of New Westminster's multicultural fabric and its commitment to a welcoming and safe environment to people of all cultural backgrounds by providing access to City services, including those with temporary status, uncertain status or no immigration status;
- NOW,  
THEREFORE** I, Jonathan Coté, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim December 18, 2021 as

**INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY**

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

Jonathan X. Cote  
MAYOR

