



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
February 2022**

- WHEREAS** Black History Month has been celebrated and recognized in Canada since 1979; and
- WHEREAS** the City of New Westminster has been home to members of the black community since before incorporation; and
- WHEREAS** pioneers of New Westminster's black community such as Thomas Henry Forester, Elizabeth Forester, Antonio Hernandez, John Hernandez, John Sullivan Deas, Owen Wormley Brown and Terese Berra-Berra were respected members of both the business community and social life of our City; and
- WHEREAS** there continues to be a rich and supportive black community and network of businesses in our City; and
- WHEREAS** Canada, as a nation has declared the theme for this year's black history month to be February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day.
- NOW
THEREFORE** I, Jonathan Coté, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim the month of February as

Black History Month

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


Jonathan Coté
MAYOR

