



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

## International Women's Day March 8, 2022

- WHEREAS** International Women's Day is celebrated globally on March 8th by those who believe in gender equality and who seek to improve the lives of all women and girls (trans and cis), two spirit, and gender diverse peoples through cultural, legal, economic, and social change; and
- WHEREAS** On the 111th International Women's Day, we celebrate and encourage everyone to take actions against gender bias and inequity in support of the 2022 theme of "Break The Bias"; and
- WHEREAS** Women and girls, in particular women with disabilities, racialized women, immigrant women, two spirit and gender diverse peoples experience many forms of oppression; and
- WHEREAS** International Women's Day is a time to work toward a world where each woman and girl can exercise her choice, such as participating in politics, getting an education, having an income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS** We recognize local pioneers who broke the bias, Mrs. Kirkwood the first known woman to open a business in 1863, Janet Gilly the first practicing lawyer in the City in 1925, Beth Wood, our first female Mayor in 1959; and Kathy Ius our first female fire fighter in 2001; and
- WHEREAS** The Corporation of the City of New Westminster is committed to promoting equity and justice and will continue to work to address the systemic and structural oppressions that perpetuate inequity.
- NOW  
THEREFORE** I, Jonathan Coté, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim March 8, 2022 as

### International Women's Day

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

Jonathan Coté  
MAYOR

