



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

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**DAY OF ACTION AGAINST ASIAN RACISM
May 10, 2022**

- WHEREAS** The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms gives everyone equal rights “without discrimination and, in particular without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability”; and
- WHEREAS** In 21st Century Canadian society, racism and acts of hatred have no place in any of our provinces, territories, regions, towns and cities and Canadians must come together to call all acts of racism and hatred; yet there has been a dramatic surge in incidents of racism across Canada, particularly instances of anti-Asian racism across Canada; and
- WHEREAS** According to Statistics Canada Police-reported hate crimes against East and South East Asians has increased 301% in 2020; and
- WHEREAS** **Stand With Asians Coalition (SWAC)** brings allies together, across our country to raise awareness and to combat anti-Asian racism by calling out racism where it occurs each and every time; and
- WHEREAS** Aiming to maintain our values as inclusive and racially diverse Canadians, we support the Stand With Asians Coalition to build a stronger, more inclusive society where everyone can feel safe, happy and healthy
- NOW
THEREFORE** I, Jonathan Coté, Mayor of the City of New Westminster join SWAC and do hereby proclaim May 10, 2022 as

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

Jonathan Coté
MAYOR

