



Office of the Mayor  
**CITY OF VANCOUVER**  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Proclamation

## "DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON ISLAMOPHOBIA"

- WHEREAS** On January 29, 2017, a gunman motivated by white nationalist ideology entered the Islamic Cultural Centre mosque in Quebec City and opened fire on dozens of Muslim worshippers;
- AND WHEREAS** By the time the shooting had ended, six people had been tragically killed and 19 more were injured: Ibrahima Barry, Mamadou Tanou Barry, Khaled Belkacemi, Aboubaker Thabti, Abdelkrim Hassane, and Azzedine Soufiane lost their lives that night;
- AND WHEREAS** Canadian Muslims across Canada were, and continue to be, affected by this and other acts of hate, racism, white supremacy, and Islamophobia;
- AND WHEREAS** To commemorate January 29, Muslim communities in Vancouver have held vigils, discussions, and other events, including an annual vigil during evening prayers at the Vancouver Al-jamia Mosque on 8th Ave, which is the oldest mosque in BC;
- AND WHEREAS** The federal government of Canada, as well as the cities of Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton, Markham, Hamilton, and Windsor have all designated January 29 as a Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia. Many municipalities across Canada commemorate the events of January 29 with their Muslim community partners;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council DO HEREBY PROCLAIM January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as

"DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON ISLAMOPHOBIA"

in the City of Vancouver.



Ken Sim  
MAYOR