



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"Eid al-Adha"

- WHEREAS The City of Vancouver is home to a thriving Muslim community, which is estimated to be almost 18,000;
- AND WHEREAS Eid-al-Adha is one of the most important Muslim holidays and is a celebration connecting Islamic history and the shared histories of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity through their common Abrahamic heritage;
- AND WHEREAS In the Islamic lunar calendar, Eid al-Adha falls on the tenth day of Dhu al-Hijjah and lasts for three to four days. The festival also follows the completion of the Hajj, which is the annual pilgrimage to Mecca;
- AND WHEREAS It is also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, which often takes the form of service and selfless giving. It is a day of forgiveness, compassion, and generosity, where Muslims strive to help those in need and share their blessings with others;
- AND WHEREAS Traditionally, the day is spent celebrating with family, friends and loved ones, often wearing new or best attire and can include the giving of gifts;
- AND WHEREAS Vancouver is proud of its diverse community representing many different traditions and faiths;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council DO HEREBY PROCLAIM June 28th, 2023 as

"Eid al-Adha"

in the City of Vancouver.



Ken Sim
MAYOR