



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
 BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

**"INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION
 OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION"**

- WHEREAS The General Assembly of the United Nations has designated March 21st as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
- AND WHEREAS We acknowledge that we are on the unceded homelands of the x̱məθḵʷəy̱əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səilwətal (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, and we are committed to reflecting this important truth in our work;
- AND WHEREAS The impacts of anti-Indigenous, anti-Black and anti-Asian racism continue through everyday legislative acts and interpersonal encounters. Racism and violence are systemic, structural, and interpersonal; addressing this requires questioning, challenging, and changing at every societal level;
- AND WHEREAS White supremacy, in all of its manifestations, from micro-aggressions to racial profiling to further acts of racialized violence, continues to be at the root of racism; and that denial and defensiveness impede the progress required to address racial inequities;
- AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver is committed to acknowledging, addressing, and responding to racism through action. The City's work will focus on eliminating racism while recognizing that racism intersects with and is exacerbated by ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, and class of persons;
- AND WHEREAS We are working towards our goal of being a City of Reconciliation, and repairing relationships with Indigenous peoples and racialized peoples who were historically and are currently discriminated against in our city, and who, because of that discrimination, have not been able to fully participate and benefit;
- AND WHEREAS Tackling the elimination of racism and racial discrimination requires taking action to mitigate the effects of ongoing colonization and structural racism, which includes addressing power imbalances inherent in our social systems;
- AND WHEREAS The elimination of racism requires those who the system was established to benefit to take a lead on actions to eliminate it;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kennedy Stewart, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Sunday, March 21st, 2021, as

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in the City of Vancouver.

Kennedy Stewart
 MAYOR

