



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY"

- WHEREAS International Women's Day is celebrated around the world by those who believe in gender equity and who seek to improve the lives of women and girls, Two Spirit, trans, non-binary and gender diverse peoples through cultural, legal, economic, and social change;
- AND WHEREAS Today is a celebration of the contributions that all women and people of marginalized genders make to our city, as activists, workers, artists, professionals, entrepreneurs, caregivers, educators, volunteers, and leaders;
- AND WHEREAS Colonization and racialized violence are intrinsically connected to gender inequities experienced by Indigenous People, Black People, and People of Colour;
- AND WHEREAS People of marginalized genders experience many intersecting forms of oppression that impact their ability to thrive and to access: safety, employment, justice, health care, housing, education, and reproductive rights;
- AND WHEREAS International Women's Day is an opportunity to honour, support, and celebrate the progress made to advance gender equity all while recommitting to continue to progress:
- AND WHEREAS Women's rights affect us all, and it begins with equity. Equity means each group or individual is given what they need, based on their circumstances, in order to succeed. Equality means each group or individual is given the same opportunities, regardless of their needs or circumstances. The goal of equity is to change structural and systemic barriers that hinder people's ability to thrive. Equal opportunities are no longer enough;
- AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver is committed to promoting equity and justice and will always work to address the systemic and structural oppressions that perpetuate inequity:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 as the 112th

"INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.


Ken Sim
MAYOR

