



Office of The Mayor of the City of Burnaby

## PROCLAMATION

### GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN WEEK

- WHEREAS** September 9, 2018 is internationally recognized as Grandparents Day; and
- WHEREAS** It is estimated that in BC more than 13,000 children are being raised by their grandparents or other relatives because their parents are unable due to reasons such as: death; mental illness; substance use or violence in the home; and
- WHEREAS** Grandparents raising their grandchildren face grief; isolation; financial hardship; and worry about how to provide, long-term, for their grandchildren, many who have unique needs; and
- WHEREAS** Research shows that there are the benefits to children being raised by relatives include: the ability to maintain community and family attachments, the stability of cultural and spiritual identity, a lifetime sense of belonging; and
- WHEREAS** Parent Support Services Society of BC is holding their 4th annual Grandparents Day Event on September 9th to celebrate these grandparents (and other kinship caregivers); and
- WHEREAS** In Burnaby, Parent Support Services Society of BC runs free weekly facilitated peer support circles for parents, grandparents, and other kinship caregivers.

**NOW THEREFORE I, DEREK R. CORRIGAN, MAYOR OF BURNABY,  
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 9 – 15 AS**

**“GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN WEEK”  
IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.**

Derek R. Corrigan  
Mayor



*Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018 A.D.*