

City of Burnaby



Proclamation

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Whereas International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is observed around the world and provides an opportunity to honour those women, girls, boys and men who are actively and courageously working towards an end to this harmful practice; and

WHEREAS This day invites us to reflect on the fact that 3.9 million girls are still at risk of mutilation each year, including girls in Canada; and

WHEREAS On this day, we acknowledge that female genital mutilation is an issue on every continent except Antarctica, and that there are 200 million FGM survivors in the world, including thousands in Canada; and

WHEREAS We acknowledge that FGM has no basis in any religious text and is recognized by the United Nations and other world bodies as child abuse and an abuse of a girl's fundamental human rights; and

WHEREAS On this International Day of Zero Tolerance For FGM, we acknowledge and celebrate all national and international efforts being made, especially at the grass roots level, to achieve United Nations Sustainable Millennium Development Goal #5, which calls for the elimination of FGM and other harmful traditional practices by 2030; and

WHEREAS On this Day of Zero Tolerance, we call for increased, concerted global and Canadian action to end female genital mutilation, and ask all governments-international, national, and local to fully uphold the human rights of women and girls so they can live a life free from the violence that is female genital mutilation.

Now therefore I, Mike Hurley, Mayor of Burnaby, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 6, 2020 as

**“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE
FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION”**

in the City of Burnaby.

Dated this Twenty-seventh
Day of January, 2020 A.D.

Mike Hurley
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