

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 the women, girls, boys and men who are actively and courageously working towards an end to this harmful practice; and

WHEREAS 4.1 million girls are still at risk of mutilation each year, including girls in Canada; and

WHEREAS FGM is an issue in more than 90 countries, and that there are at least 200 million FGM survivors in the world, including more than 100,000 in Canada; and

WHEREAS FGM has no benefits and causes only harm, 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 International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM acknowledges and celebrates all national and international efforts, especially those at the grassroots level, to achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #5, which calls for the elimination of FGM and other harmful traditional practices by 2030; and

WHEREAS The City of Burnaby supports the rights of women and girls to live a life free from the violence that is FGM and calls for concerted global and Canadian action to end FGM.

NOW THEREFORE I, MIKE HURLEY, MAYOR OF BURNABY,
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 6 AS

“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION”

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Dated this Twenty-fifth Day
of January, 2021 A.D.

Mike Hurley
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