

City of Burnaby



# Proclamation

## KOMAGATA MARU REMEMBRANCE DAY

**Whereas** On May 23, 1914, 376 British subjects from India of Sikh, Muslim and Hindu origin arrived in Burrard Inlet aboard the Komagata Maru, stationed off Vancouver Harbour, seeking to enter Canada; and

**WHEREAS** On July 23, 1914, the Komagata Maru was forced to leave as a result of a discriminatory act by the Government of Canada, without allowing the passengers to disembark; and

**WHEREAS** The Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have formally apologized for the incident, and many B.C. municipalities recognize May 23 as Komagata Maru Remembrance Day; and

**WHEREAS** Komagata Maru Remembrance Day is an opportunity to reflect on historic injustices while committing to continued opposition to hate, racism, and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS** The City of Burnaby celebrates the diversity of its community and recognizes the contributions South Asian Canadians have made to the social, economic and cultural development of the City.

NOW THEREFORE I, MIKE HURLEY, MAYOR OF BURNABY,  
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 23 AS

# “KOMAGATA MARU REMEMBRANCE DAY”

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Dated this tenth day  
of May, 2021 A.D.

MIKE HURLEY  
MAYOR

