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EUROPE DAY

TETEAS The day of May 9th typically brings many European nations together throughout the world to celebrate and honor the heritage of their citizens **European descendants**; and

WHEREAS During the early 20th century, Burnaby continued to grow and develop, with many new immigrants from Europe settling in the area. The city became home to a number of factories and industrial facilities, which attracted workers from all over the world, with many of the city's institutions and traditions reflecting the European heritage of the early settlers; and

WHEREAS Since that time, the number and stature of European descendants living in the Burnaby area has grown tremendously; there are well over 85,000 people living in Burnaby and over 600,000 Europeans living in the Greater Vancouver area from all walks of life who can claim European heritage; and

WHEREAS Burnaby residents of European ancestry take great pride in sharing with the rest of the Metro Vancouver their contributions in the areas of art, music, literature, food, folklore, and many other fine customs that are part of Metro Vancouver's rich diverse culture; and

WHEREAS European's are renowned for their exemplary work ethics and love of democracy and have established standards of excellence as both private and public citizens to whom all can aspire; and because generations, Burnaby residents of European extraction have made many notable contributions, both cultural and historic, to the betterment of our state; and of their many accomplishments in this regard are truly worthy of special legislative recognition.

> NOW THEREFORE I, MIKE HURLEY, MAYOR OF BURNABY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 9 AS

> > "EUROPE DAY"

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Dated this eigth day of May, 2023 A.D.

> Mike Hurley MAYOR

