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INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

DETEAS On December 18, 1990, the UN General Assembly adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant **Workers and Members of their Families; and**

WHEREAS International Migrants Day is observed throughout the world yearly since 2000, when the UN General Assembly appointed this day to promote awareness of the large and increasing number of migrants in the world; and

WHEREAS It is important to recognize the contributions made by migrant workers and immigrants, who are also essential workers to the economy of Burnaby and B.C., especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS Migrant workers, including low-skilled temporary foreign workers, caregivers, and seasonal agricultural workers, experience precarious and vulnerable working and living conditions, and face barriers to accessing to basic services and social entitlements; and

WHEREAS Almost 60% of Burnaby residents are immigrants, and our city is among the most diverse in the country and as such it is important to ensure we have a welcoming and safe environment for people of all cultural backgrounds and that they are able to access city services regardless of immigration status.

> **NOW THEREFORE I, MIKE HURLEY, MAYOR OF BURNABY,** DO HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 18 AS

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY'

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Dated this eleventh day of December, 2023 A.D.

Mike Hurley

MAYOR