



P R O C L A M A T I O N

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Proclamation written in plain language as a demonstration of respect for those with intellectual disabilities

**Community Inclusion Month
OCTOBER, 2017**

- BECAUSE** “Inclusion” means welcoming everyone in ways that respect and celebrate diversity, and ensuring that differences aren’t barriers to full engagement and participation, and
- BECAUSE** Inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities lets us all use our gifts, talents and abilities to build a stronger British Columbia together, and
- BECAUSE** Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities gives students with disabilities the right to inclusive education, with fair opportunities to learn, grow, excel and contribute in school, and
- BECAUSE** Inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities teaches all students to value diversity and to understand that everyone belongs in our schools and communities, and
- BECAUSE** In October, BC communities are celebrating inclusion, diversity and the strengths and abilities of people with intellectual disabilities, and
- BECAUSE** The theme for Community Inclusion Month is: “Everyone belongs in BC’s schools”;
- NOW
ANNOUNCING** I, Jonathan Coté, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim the month of October 2017

COMMUNITY INCLUSION MONTH

In the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia.


Jonathan Coté
MAYOR

