

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the winter poses extreme hardship for unsheltered and inadequately housed members of our community, highlighting the urgency for support; and
- WHEREAS, the holiday season, rooted in compassion and generosity, calls for a sincere commitment to end homelessness, recognizing that lives hang in the balance; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver, in recognition of the persistent crisis, has previously declared a state of emergency concerning homelessness; and
- WHEREAS, December 21st has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for The Homeless and the National Health Care for The Homeless Council and is so recognized by cities nationwide; and
- WHEREAS, in this season of compassion and generosity, residents of Vancouver are encouraged to commit themselves to fostering empathy for, and extending support to, all fellow community members, particularly those on the verge of homelessness or currently navigating its challenging reality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2023, to be

## **“Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day”**

in the City of Vancouver. We earnestly call upon all residents to take a moment of silence in remembrance of those we lost to homelessness this year; to reflect on the challenges faced by those without safe and stable homes; and to actively engage in supporting local efforts aimed at eliminating homelessness in our communities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 18th day of December, 2023.

  
ANNE MCENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR