

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver welcomes the cultural traditions of our multicultural population as it weaves color into the fabric of our community; and
- WHEREAS, the roots of Dia de Muertos, Day of the Dead, have blended among the indigenous people of Mexico and the Western Hemisphere, intertwining with European culture in the Americas since the late Fifteenth Century; and
- WHEREAS, ancestors are celebrated by family and friends from October 15 through November 15 with more emphasis on November 1 and 2 with beautiful gatherings, honoring the lives of those who have passed away; and
- WHEREAS, Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead is a time to come together in celebration of life, friendship, and family with expressions of art and love; and
- WHEREAS, Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead reminds us to accept death as part of the circle of life and to live to the fullest, remembering ancestral teachings; and
- WHEREAS, Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead provides an opportunity for children of Latino descent with the blend of Indigenous, African and European ancestry to learn, grow and strengthen their personal connections and roots while establishing and infusing their own creative expression of cultural heritage; and
- WHEREAS, for two years or more, this nation and this community have faced unprecedented challenges and health adversity. However, Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead, with its traditional procession of luminarias, live music, and art serves as a symbol of resilience and healing, helping us overcome the difficulties of the past and embrace culture and beauty; and
- WHEREAS, on October 21, 2023, the City of Vancouver proclaims and will join with the community in sponsoring and actively participating in a Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead Luminaria event at Esther Short Park from 4-8 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2023, as:

“Dia de Muertos/Day of the Dead”

in the City of Vancouver and encourage all residents to participate in and learn more about this observance and the rich cultural history it presents.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 21st day of October, 2023.


ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR