



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF RICHMOND
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** homelessness impacts people in every part of British Columbia, and swift action is needed to address the root causes of homelessness and to help those without homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Richmond has recently engaged in a Poverty Reduction project that will explore and develop policies and investments that are designed to break the cycle of poverty including issues around precarious housing and homelessness; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Richmond will develop a housing action plan with coordinated access to move beyond reactive emergency responses to homelessness towards a coordinated, effective approach that prevents people from becoming homeless in the first place; and
- WHEREAS,** the Covid-19 pandemic, the opioid overdose crisis and rising awareness of systemic racism, in addition to homelessness, have highlighted the need to address the disproportionate impacts these issues have on disadvantaged and marginalized communities; and
- WHEREAS,** effective action to reduce homelessness and promote social inclusion requires all levels of government to work with individuals, non-profit organizations, Indigenous and community groups, and private sector representatives to find solutions that will bring down barriers that hold people back, deliver supports that lift people up, and make the city of Richmond better and more inclusive for everyone.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Malcolm D. Brodie, as MAYOR of the City of Richmond, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM October 10 to 16, 2021, as,

“HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK”

in the City of Richmond and encourage all citizens to recognize and support efforts to put an end to homelessness in our society.

Malcolm D. Brodie
MAYOR