



Proclamation

International Mother Language Day

February 21, 2023

WHEREAS a mother language is the first spoken language of any individual and so is often the principal basis of their sociolinguistic identity that passed from one generation to the next;

WHEREAS at the General Conference of the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (“UNESCO”) it was unanimously agreed to observe International Mother Language Day on February 21 of each year;

WHEREAS for many years the Mother Language Festival has been held by The Mother Language Lovers of the World Society in and supported by the City of Surrey; and

WHEREAS the City of Surrey acts as a leader in supporting languages and cultures throughout the world by respectfully observing International Mother Language Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare February 21, 2023 as “International Mother Language Day” in the City of Surrey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Locke', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey