



# Proclamation

## International Women's Day

March 8, 2023

- WHEREAS** International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women - while also marking a call to action for accelerating gender equality; and
- WHEREAS** The first International Women's Day occurred in 1911, supported by over one million people. Today, International Women's Day belongs to all groups collectively everywhere; and
- WHEREAS** International Women's Day is March 8, 2023, the year-long campaign #EmbraceEquality provides a unified direction to guide continuous collective action for driving a gender equal world; and
- WHEREAS** Gender equality is essential for communities to thrive. We can actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions, improve situations and celebrate women's achievements; and
- WHEREAS** The City of Surrey is committed to gender equality in government, workplace and community. We will support the campaign and celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare March 8, 2023 "International Women's Day" in the City of Surrey.

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Mayor Brenda Locke  
City of Surrey