

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Thank you once again for your proclamation for International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation for both 2020 and 2021. Over the last two years, the End FGM Canada Network managed to get 60+ proclamations from Canadian Cities and 6 provinces, which has been amazing. We hope we can get our third one in a row from Whistler!

Last year the Province of Alberta proclaimed the day in perpetuity!

So now we, the duly incorporated End FGM Canada Network Society, are requesting once again that the Town of Whistler proclaim February 6, 2022 as 'International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation'. We also wonder if we could request your city to declare the day in perpetuity, as was done by Alberta last year.

Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C,) as you know, is a Canadian issue too, and needs to be addressed. There has long reigned, and continues to reign, a terrible wall of silence. This silence must end. There are upwards of 100,000 survivors who need support, and possibly thousands of girls at risk.

The End FGM Canada Network is a non-partisan Network of survivors, civil society stakeholders, and individuals concerned about this human rights issue. We attach the suggested wording for the proclamation.

We would be delighted if we could get a hard copy and electronic copy as early as possible for inclusion in our social media campaign for February 6, 2022. Please send the hard copy to our organizational address:

8195 Pasco Road

West Vancouver,

B.C. B7W 2T6,

And once again, please consider proclaiming this day in perpetuity. We also attach a request to light Fitzsimmons bridge, which last year was a small but amazing event that got really really noticed on our social media.

Please don't hesitate to advise us if you need anything else from us.

warm wishes

Giselle Portenier,

Co-Chair

End FGM Canada Network