

# Proclamation

## 25th Anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia, and Herzegovina July 11, 2020

WHEREAS: In 1995, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims were murdered in Srebrenica by the army, paramilitaries and police forces of the Republic of Srpska. The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Court of Justice have ruled that this massacre was an act of genocide and is highlighted at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights.

WHEREAS: In 2010, the Canadian House of Commons unanimously passed Brian Masse's motion M-416, which recognized the genocide and established Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day in Canada.

WHEREAS: In 2015, the House of Commons unanimously passed a historic motion to recognize the month of April as Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month and named the ones recognized by Canada's House of Commons, including the Srebrenica Genocide.

WHEREAS: In 2019, Members of the Canadian Parliament tabled Petition e-1837, calling upon the Canadian government to enact legislation that would prohibit Srebrenica Genocide denial in Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That I, Mayor Danny Breen, of the city of St. John's, recognize July 11th, 2020 as the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and call on all residents to join survivors of the Srebrenica genocide in Canada in remembering and reflecting on this terrible tragedy and to condemn this act of violence in the strongest possible terms.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 23 day of June, 2020.



Danny Breen,  
Mayor