

# *Proclamation*

## **February 6, 2020 International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation**

**WHEREAS:** International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is observed around the world.

**WHEREAS:** There are 3.9 million girls still at risk of mutilation each year, including girls in Canada; and that there are 200 million survivors worldwide.

**WHEREAS:** We acknowledge that FGM has no basis in any religious text and is recognized by the United Nations as an abuse of human rights.

**WHEREAS:** We acknowledge that FGM has no benefits and causes only harm, including death.

**WHEREAS:** On this Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM we call for increased global and Canadian action to end female genital mutilation and support survivors.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Danny Breen, Mayor of the City of St. John's, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2020 to be "International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM in the City of St. John's".

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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*Danny Breen, Mayor*