



Proclamation

Welcoming Week

September 13 – 22, 2024

- WHEREAS** The Surrey Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) is a community partnership working to improve the settlement and integration outcomes of immigrants and refugees; and
- WHEREAS** The Surrey LIP is committed to welcoming newcomers by creating opportunities for newer and established residents to connect, share and learn from each other, inform community planning processes and advocate for adjustments and additions to policies and practices that affect immigrants and refugees; and
- WHEREAS** As Surrey rapidly approaches becoming the province's largest city, it's noteworthy that approximately 27 newcomers join our community each day, adding to our vibrant diversity; and
- WHEREAS** Welcoming Week is an annual opportunity to recognize and celebrate the people, places and values that help everyone feel welcome and give them a sense of belonging in their local community, no matter where they come from; and
- WHEREAS** Welcoming Week is symbolic of the commitment to building bridges of understanding and collaboration, fostering a unified community that welcomes and uplifts newcomers in their journey; and
- WHEREAS** By recognizing the contributions that we all make to create a vibrant culture and growing economy, we make our community more prosperous and more inclusive to all who call it home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare September 13-22, 2024 as "Welcoming Week" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey