



PROCLAMATION

International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia

WHEREAS We are committed to the belief that equal opportunity and treatment should exist for all people; and

WHEREAS We recognize that all people have the right to realize their potential regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression and to live at all times in conditions of dignity, respect, and peace; and

WHEREAS The goal of International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is to increase understanding and visibility for members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and to encourage discussion about what it means to be a queer, trans or Two-Spirit person in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS The elimination of all forms of oppression, including homophobia, transphobia and biphobia, is an ongoing process as we strive to create a society in which all individuals are valued and celebrated for their unique identities and contributions.

NOW THEREFORE I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby proclaim May 17, 2023 as **INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA** in the City of Courtenay.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Wells', is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Bob Wells