

# *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***