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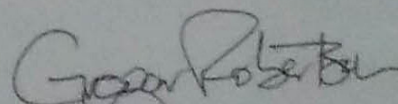
Proclamation

"KOMAGATA MARU DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

- WHEREAS 2015 marks the 101st Anniversary of the Komagata Maru Episode, a dark chapter in Canadian history where a boat carrying 376 British Indian subjects was wrongfully turned away from Vancouver by an unjust and arbitrary Continuous Passage Regulation;
- AND WHEREAS The Komagata Maru passengers faced many hardships including being moored in Burrard Inlet for two months and the deprivation of food and water, and that many of the passengers were killed or imprisoned upon their forcible return to India;
- AND WHEREAS Many pioneer South Asians in Vancouver fought to regain the right to vote in 1947, work in professions of their choosing, and build strong communities in the city;
- AND WHEREAS The Khalsa Diwan Society, which formed at the time to advocate on behalf of the Komagata Maru passengers, still exists today in service to the community;
- AND WHEREAS This year, commemorations and learning opportunities are taking place in museums, art galleries, universities and community organizations across the city;
- AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver has proclaimed a "Year of Reconciliation" that seeks to heal from the past and build new relationships between Vancouverites of all backgrounds, with mutual respect, dignity, understanding and hope;
- AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver is committed to ending racial discrimination in all its forms and using our past tragedies to forge a common future for all Vancouverites;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM
Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 as

"KOMAGATA MARU DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

in the City of Vancouver.


Gregor Robertson
MAYOR

