Dear Mayor and Council,

We ask once again for your on-going proclamation of **June 1st Intergenerational Day Canada**.

(exemplar follows: Electronic copy is adequate for our purposes, a print copy for yours.)

Since 2010, 12 provinces and territories, over 100 Canadian cities and hundreds of organizations have officially recognized this day of awareness, honouring intergenerational connections between young and old. As your city and School District host one of Canada’s foremost intergenerational programmes (iGen) we request the proclamation in support of their successful health model, and the efforts of others working in the field in your city. The province of Saskatchewan has officially proclaimed the day again this year.

This day:
* **Reminds** us of the importance of respectful connecting between generations
* **Improves health, lowers health care costs** by connecting young and older persons, breaking isolation and loneliness
* **Builds resiliency**, community safety, greater understanding through intergenerational education for now and into the future.

Ontario, Manitoba, New Brunswick and, the Toronto District School Board have all proclaimed this day *in perpetuity*.

We encourage you likewise:
1. To show on-going commitment to this health initiative,
2. To alleviate your administrative costs related to our annual request, and
3. To allow us full use of our time to assist your citizens in planning and promoting their intergenerational activities.

We work directly with national prevention of elder abuse initiatives across Canada, breaking down ageism through empathy and education. We hope you are aware of the on-going intergenerational initiatives in your area.

This Proclamation, at no cost, encourages on June 1st:
1. sharing of current intergenerational activities
2. new project start-ups, accessing untapped potential for improved health
3. use of government (PHAC) funded intergenerational resources available at intergenerational.ca and bccrns.ca
Sincerely with thanks,
Sharon MacKenzie  BA MEd  Executive Director 12i Intergenerational Society, Director CNPEA
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*Intergenerational Day Canada is noted in the following government publications with activities and project suggestions:

- Public Health Agency of Canada curriculum- Across the Generations—Respect All Ages En/Fr *Available at: intergenerational.ca
- International Federation on Ageing/PHAC/International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Elder Abuse Awareness Teen Kit En/Fr
  *Available at: intergenerational.ca and cnpea.ca
- BC Community Response Networks-3 part Toolkit- Intergenerational Community Guide  *Available at: intergenerational.ca and bccrns.ca
- ‘Connecting Generations’ New Brunswick Toolkit www2.gnb.ca

**This day is also recognized and endorsed by the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse cnpea.ca and International Federation on Ageing IFA

Example of Proclamation

PROCLAMATION/DECLARATION
INTERGENERATIONAL DAY CANADA
JUNE 1st

WHEREAS Intergenerational Day Canada June 1st raises awareness about the power of making simple, respectful intergenerational connections

WHEREAS Intergenerational Day Canada, June 1st is a day to focus on the profound positive influence intergenerational connecting has on eliminating isolation and loneliness, moving towards healthy, all-age friendly communities

WHEREAS Intergenerational Day Canada, June 1st celebrates the good things presently taking place between generations in local community

WHEREAS Intergenerational Day Canada, June 1st encourages simple, fun intergenerational sharing

WHEREAS Intergenerational Day Canada, June 1st is an official reminder, a yearly invitation for every citizen to take one small respectful step to bridge generations within his or her local community.

It only takes a smile between generations to break through isolation and loneliness, the number one health concern for children/youth and older persons.

AND NOW THEREFORE, I the Mayor of …………., do hereby proclaim, the day of June 1st as “Intergenerational Day Canada” in the Municipality of _________________.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand this the (date)__________________

Signed ___________________________ Seal