Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"EAL WEEK"

WHEREAS Metro Vancouver is renowned for its multiculturalism and now has the second-highest proportion of foreign-born residents in Canada;

AND WHEREAS Over the past four decades, immigrants have added to our city's diversity by bringing their culture, customs and heritage which has resulted in a rich blend of various traditions and languages;

AND WHEREAS Learners of English as an additional language are represented by a large cross-section of individuals that include students of elementary and secondary schools, colleges, universities, public and private schools, and adult education students, all pursuing literacy and basic skills;

AND WHEREAS The professional association of British Columbia Teachers of English as an Additional Language (BC TEAL) is hosting "EAL Week" from November 16th to 22nd, 2014, consisting of student activities, a volunteer appreciation event, and a professional development event to celebrate BC's multicultural diversity and the thousands of individuals who are involved in the profession of English language teaching and learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of November 16th to 22nd, 2014 as "EAL WEEK"

in the City of Vancouver.

Gregor Robertson
MAYOR