

Proclamation

**National Housing Day
November 22, 2019**

WHEREAS: Since 1998, municipalities and other organizations across the nation have recognized National Housing Day on November 22nd. National Housing Day recognizes that having a safe, secure home is a basic human right and a key pathway out of poverty. It is important for all levels of government, organizations and communities to work together to provide affordable and adequate housing that will make a real difference in the lives of many adults and children who require shelter; and

WHEREAS: The City of St. John's has adopted a ten-year Affordable Housing Strategy to create solutions across the housing continuum. The strategy was developed and is being led by the Affordable Housing Working Group which includes representation from all levels of government, the community sector and private industry; and

WHEREAS: National Housing Day, is meant to raise awareness about housing and homelessness and encourage events designed to focus on the needs of individual communities. This year, a film screening, a housing forum, a community art project and a housing 'coffee break' have been planned.

WHEREAS: These events will emphasize that Affordable Housing is a sound public investment that contributes to resident well-being and the economy, and is a foundation for a safe, prosperous and healthy community;

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim November 22nd as National Housing Day in the City of St. John's.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 18th day of November 2019.

Danny Breen, Mayor