



Proclamation

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

April 6, 2025

- WHEREAS** March 6th is observed worldwide as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, recognizing how sport promotes peace, inclusion, and development; and
- WHEREAS** Beyond Hoops Africa, a nonprofit organization, empowers youth in British Columbia through sports, helping them build leadership skills, improve well-being, and connect with communities; and
- WHEREAS** Beyond Hoops Africa provides youth with tools to overcome challenges, drive positive change, and promote unity and understanding; and
- WHEREAS** Beyond Hoops Africa leads the “Unity is the Vibe” campaign to combat racism, promote inclusion, and unite youth through sports, inspiring them to celebrate diversity and foster respect; and
- WHEREAS** the City of Surrey recognizes the importance of youth engagement in sports and its role in building teamwork, social capital, and resilience; and
- WHEREAS** the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace highlights the power of sport to unite people and advance values of peace, inclusion, and respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare April 6, 2025, as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace in the City of Surrey and extend my appreciation to Beyond Hoops Africa for empowering youth and building inclusive communities through sports.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey