

Proclamation



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN CYBER DAY September 1st, 2022

WHEREAS: We request the City of St. John's proclaim September 1st, 2022, as International Women in Cyber Day; and

WHEREAS: The Women CyberSecurity Society (WCS²) is a non-profit organization on a mission to advance and retain an increased representation of women and diversity in the cybersecurity workforce; and

WHEREAS: In Canada, women make up for only ten percent of the cybersecurity workforce at the entry level and one percent at leadership levels; and

WHEREAS: In Canada, fifty percent of women drop out of information technology careers within the first four years; and

WHEREAS: Research has shown diversity is vital for new ideas, innovation, employee job satisfaction, employer profits, and industry advancement; and

WHEREAS: Women and girls deserve a safe Internet experience and cybersecurity knowledge is needed to defend and protect against gender-based online violence and hate; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 25,000 cybersecurity jobs are unfilled in Canada in 2022; and

WHEREAS: Events will be organized to celebrate, raise awareness, and support women in cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS: This assists in recruiting, retraining and retaining of women in the cybersecurity workforce. It demonstrates support and recognition, brings awareness to build sustainable solutions and sets aside a special day to celebrate;

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim September 1st, 2022, as International Women in Cyber Day in the City of St. John's.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 1st day of September, 2022.

Danny Breen, Mayor