



Proclamation

Elizabeth Fry Week

May 4 - 9, 2026

WHEREAS the first Elizabeth Fry Society in the world was established in British Columbia in 1939 to support women in conflict with the law and youth at risk; and

WHEREAS the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver has provided decades of dedicated service to communities across the region, including the City of Surrey, supporting women, girls, children, and families impacted by the justice system through advocacy, prevention, and community-based programs; and

WHEREAS the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver continues its mission as a trusted non-profit, community-based organization, positively impacting tens of thousands of individuals through the collective efforts of staff, volunteers, community partners, and supporters; and

WHEREAS Elizabeth Fry Week, observed annually during the second week of May, provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the organization's enduring legacy, its commitment to justice, equity, and rehabilitation, and the vital role it plays in strengthening safer, healthier communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare May 4 - 9, 2026 as "Elizabeth Fry Week" in the City of Surrey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Locke", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey