



Office of The Mayor of the City of Burnaby

PROCLAMATION

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MONTH

WHEREAS Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and Big Sisters BC Lower Mainland are important community organizations committed to helping children and youth reach their full potential by matching them with caring, volunteer mentors; and

WHEREAS Evidence-based research has shown that for every dollar invested in Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring, society gets a return of \$18 dollars. In addition, youth who have a Big Brother or a Big Sisters are less likely to bully or be bullied, feel better about school, and are more likely to have a healthy and positive outlook on life well into adulthood; and

WHEREAS We believe that by changing the course of young lives we can in turn be changing the course of a community's future. That it could lead to a reduction in poverty and unemployment; to safer schools and neighbourhoods; or to a renewed optimism for growth; and

WHEREAS Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and Big Sisters BC Lower Mainland rely heavily on the strength and dedication of its volunteers who, through their commitment and support, make a profound difference in the lives of children and youth in our community; and

WHEREAS The agency's goal is to expand its recruitment drive in order to serve more children and youth in our community.

**NOW THEREFORE I, DEREK R. CORRIGAN, MAYOR OF BURNABY,
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2017 AS**

"BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MONTH"

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Derek Corrigan

Derek R. Corrigan
Mayor



Dated this 28th day of August, 2017 A.D.