



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"WILL TO INTERVENE DAY"

- WHEREAS *Mass atrocities such as genocide, crimes against humanity, and ethnic cleansing offend the conscience of humankind;*
- AND WHEREAS *The genocide and ethnic cleansing in Rwanda and the Balkans underlined both the importance of Canada's will to support international intervention and our need to improve our readiness to make our intervention effective;*
- AND WHEREAS *Mass atrocities often create conditions that produce concrete threats from terrorism, piracy, and other forms of lawlessness on the land and sea;*
- AND WHEREAS *Mass atrocities engender the spread of warlordism and trigger enormous flows of refugees and internal displacements that accelerate the incidence and spread of infectious diseases;*
- AND WHEREAS *Canada and its armed forces have a long and proud tradition of participation in international efforts to restore peace and end conflict that must be sustained and updated in the face of new and unprecedented risks of mass atrocities;*
- AND WHEREAS *Mobilizing the domestic will to intervene, as proposed by General Romeo Dallaire and a group of eminent advisors, is an essential prelude to mounting the international cooperation necessary for preventing mass atrocities;*
- AND WHEREAS *The City of Vancouver urges the Government of Canada to implement the recommendations of the Will To Intervene Study;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Friday, November 12th, 2010 as

"WILL TO INTERVENE DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.

Gregor Robertson
MAYOR

