PROCLAMATION

Black History Month

WHEREAS: Black History Month is about honouring the enormous contributions that Black people have made, and continue to make, in all sectors of society. It is also an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect on their commitment to combatting racism and discrimination in all its forms to foster a more inclusive and diverse Canada.

The 2023 theme for Black History Month is Black Resistance, established by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). The ASALH was founded in 1915 by historian, author and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who is also known as the father of Black history. This year's theme examines how the Black community has overcome overt and systemic racism, segregation and different forms of oppression throughout the decades.

To highlight and acknowledge the numerous contributions that the Black community has given to create the landscape of Canadian society, national recognition occurred on December 14, 1995 when the House of Commons unanimously agreed to a motion presented by the Honourable Jean Augustine to recognize February as Black History Month.

We encourage residents to participate in the City of Brampton's programs and join us in the recognition and honouring of the significant roles that the Black community has made throughout the decades and continues to make in Canada. Guided by the Equity Office, we are committed to promoting Anti-Black racism, and fostering a City of inclusion and equity that is integral in supporting the multicultural mosaic of Brampton and its values.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as "Black History Month" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton