PROCLAMATION

Emancipation Day

WHEREAS: August 1st, is an important day in Canadian history that marks the liberation of African people and their descendants from slavery. On August 1st, 1834, the British parliament enacted the Slavery Abolishment Act of 1833, which marked the end of slavery of people of African descent across the British Empire including Canada.

The City of Brampton encourages all to reflect, educate, engage, and celebrate the liberation of African Indigenous people and the ongoing global efforts to abolish slavery's legacy and the systemic racism that continues today. For over 400 years, people of African descent endured and survived the transatlantic slave trade, which included the French and British colonies.

The city of Brampton continues to strive to challenge the anti-Black racism and injustice that African Canadians face. The city is continuously creating partnerships with the Black and Indigenous communities and working to create a culture of inclusivity by eliminating discrimination.

On December 9, 2020, Brampton City Council approved the creation of an Equity Office to serve its employees and residents and host the Black African and Caribbean Social, Cultural, and Economic Empowerment and Anti-Black Racism Unit. The unit, launched in June 2020, was established to take meaningful action against anti-Black racism and determine priorities and an action plan that eradicates systemic anti-Black racism in Brampton.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2023 as "Emancipation Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton