PROCLAMATION

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

WHEREAS: March 21st has been recognized as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, since 1979. Observed annually, it commemorates the day police in Sharpeville, South Africa, opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid "pass laws" in 1960. Since then, the apartheid system in South Africa has been dismantled. Racist laws and practices have been abolished in many countries, and an international framework has been built for fighting racism, guided by the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

This year the City of Brampton celebrates the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination by recognizing that the injustices and prejudices fuelled by racial discrimination continue to take place every day.

The City will continue to highlight the importance of combating racial discrimination, reaffirming the significance of full respect for the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and protecting civic space.

The City of Brampton supports community organizations and individuals that stand up against racial prejudice, discrimination, and intolerance and embrace equality and we are committed to working with local organizations to understand, support and identify what we can do to discourage all forms of discrimination and build a more inclusive community.

The City of Brampton endeavors to continuously support racialized communities and staff towards eradicating racial discrimination in our communities 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 March 21, 2023 as “International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton