PROCLAMATION

Lincoln Alexander Day

WHEREAS: Each year on January 21th, we recognize and celebrate the many achievements of Colonel the Honourable Lincoln MacCauley Alexander (January 21, 1922 - October 19, 2012), PC,CC, OOnt, CD, QC.

Alexander was a lawyer and the first Black Canadian Member of Parliament (1968), Cabinet Minister (1979) and Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario (1985). His long and distinguished record of public service also included serving as a corporal in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Alexander was a leading figure in the fight for racial equity in Canada. In provincial, federal, public and private roles, he consistently advocated for the equal treatment of Black Canadians.

The City of Brampton acknowledges his legacy and recognizes the significant contributions of Lincoln Alexander across Ontario.

On this day, the Caretakers of our Culture also recognize the many other Canadians of African descent who have broken down racial boundaries in politics and joined the history books as being the first in their respected political positions.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2023 as “Lincoln Alexander Day” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton