PROCLAMATION

National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia

WHEREAS: The people of Canada observe January 29 of every year as a National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia.

The National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) is an independent, non-partisan and non-profit organization that protects Canadian human rights and civil liberties, challenges discrimination and Islamophobia, builds mutual understanding, and advocates for the public concerns of Canadian Muslims.

Six persons were killed and 19 people were injured by a gunman who entered the Islamic Cultural Centre of the City of Québec shortly after the end of evening prayers on January 29, 2017 and opened fire.

This act of terror devastated the families and friends of the victims, Muslim communities in Quebec, across Canada and around the world, and all Canadians.

Today provides an opportunity to honour the memory of the victims, to recognize those who selflessly and courageously put themselves in harm's way to protect others and to express solidarity with the survivors of this tragedy.

It is important that Canadians denounce Islamophobia and all other forms of racism, hate and religious discrimination and take action to combat them.

It is vital to build a foundation for change by removing barriers and promoting a more inclusive and equitable country for all, where every person is able to participate and succeed fully and safely.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2023 as "National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton