PROCLAMATION

World Interfaith Harmony Week

WHEREAS: In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to designate the first week of February (February 1-7) as World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) in a call for peace, tolerance and mutual understanding between people of all religions, convictions and beliefs.

World Interfaith Harmony Week calls upon groups to recognize common values and cooperatively enhance interfaith harmony and interreligious dialogue.

The Interfaith Council of Peel is a grassroots group of faith leaders and community members who share ideas, unite to bridge, build and work to advance social issues since the 1980's.

The vision is to build an inclusive community, where people of all faiths co-operate based on the shared values of peace, compassion, social justice, equity and service.

During World Interfaith Harmony Week, the Interfaith Council of Peel will organize faith prayer gatherings in Peel and also encourage faith leaders and members to join celebrating this week.

Through World Interfaith Harmony Week various activities will be conducted to foster a culture of peace and non-violence and to eliminate all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion, conviction or belief, at the Region of Peel and in the City of Brampton. All residents are invited to join in observing World Interfaith Harmony Week.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim February 1-7, 2023 as “World Interfaith Harmony Week” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton