PROCLAMATION

Harriet Tubman Day

WHEREAS: On this day, we honor the legacy of Harriet Tubman, a heroic Black woman who is recognized around the world for courageously leading many formerly enslaved Blacks on dangerous treks to safety and freedom in Canada.

Harriet Tubman was born into Slavery in Maryland. She escaped slavery in 1849 and became a “conductor” on the Underground Railroad which is the term used to describe the network of stops between the USA to Canada. Between 1850 and 1860, she courageously led many people American slavery on dangerous, clandestine journeys to safety and freedom in Canada. Tubman helped these Black refugees settle after their arrival and played an active role in the fight to end slavery.

Harriet Tubman settled in Canada and spent about a decade in St. Catharines, Ontario. While providing assistance to refugees in St. Catharines, she became an influential members of the Abolition Movement. She was a leading figure of the Refugee Slaves’ Friends Society of St. Catharines, an interracial organization formed in 1852 that also served as the local auxiliary of the Anti-Slavery Society of Canada. In 2005 she was designated as a national historic person by the Canadian Federal government.

The legacy of Harriet Tubman continues to be a source of empowerment and inspiration to many, especially women, who can source strength from her courage and vast amount of contributions in a variety of areas during a time when women were not given opportunities to lead.

Caretakers of our Culture is an organization that focuses on celebrating and commemorating great leaders of African descent and landmark moments of historical significance for the African diaspora around the world.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2026, as "Harriet Tubman Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton