PROCLAMATION

Dutch Heritage Month

WHEREAS: On May 5th, 1945, the Canadian forces were instrumental in the liberation of the Netherlands from occupation during World War II. The Netherlands celebrates its independence and liberty, along with the heroic efforts of the Canadian forces, with a national holiday known as Liberation Day, which takes place annually on May 5th.

Holland Christian Homes, located in Brampton, was incorporated in 1969 by a group of forward-thinking Christians who wanted to see their loved ones cared for in their senior years. In addition to their Christian faith, they shared common Dutch roots having come to settle in Canada, primarily after World War II.

The Dutch community's impact in Brampton extends beyond their economic contributions. They have actively participated in community organizations, volunteered their time and resources, and shared their traditions and Christian values with open hearts. Their commitment to preserving and sharing their Dutch culture has fostered a sense of unity and inclusivity among our diverse population.

Whereas today, the second and third generations of the early pioneers are leading and driving Holland Christian Homes to continue to have a strong and engaged membership base, a highly committed member-elected Board of Directors, and the support of a large team of faithful volunteers and dedicated care staff to ensure best practices and resident/tenant satisfaction.

Dutch Heritage Month allows us to take a moment to celebrate the Dutch community's journey, the struggles they have overcome, and the contributions they have made and continue to make to our community.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as "Dutch Heritage Month" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton