PROCLAMATION

Vesak Day

WHEREAS: In 2026, Vesak Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 31st. This day commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and passing of Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, and is observed by millions of Buddhists worldwide.

Fo Guang Shan Temple of Toronto is situated in Mississauga. Brampton Buddhist Temple is physically located in Caledon. Both organizations serve the Buddhist community in Peel. For over 25 years, it has provided cultural, educational, community and spiritual support for Buddhism and to those interested in Buddhist teachings and practices.

On this day, Buddhists will pray at nearby temples, participate in chanting and meditation rituals, and offer gifts as a sign of respect and gratitude for the Buddha's life, goodwill and wisdom.

Various celebrations will take place across Peel and Canada, including public events and cultural activities, reflecting the diverse traditions of Buddhism to raise awareness, instill pride, and celebrate Vesak.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2026, as "Vesak Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton