PROCLAMATION

Pride Month

WHEREAS: The City of Brampton recognizes that Pride activities celebrate the contributions of Two- Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, pansexual, asexual, agender (2SLGBTQIA+) communities in Canada.

Pride season is a time to honour the history of 2SLGBTQIA+ rights and achievements. Homosexuality was decriminalized in Canada in 1969, however the struggle for equity for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals has been long and hard fought.

The first Canadian gay liberation protest and march took place at Parliament Hill in Ottawa in 1971. In 1973, the first Pride Week was established for Canadian LGBT rights where events were held in several Canadian cities. In 1981, Operation Soap, also known as the bath house raids, was one of the largest mass arrests in Canada where over 300 men were arrested in Toronto. This prompted nation-wide liberation protests, and the first official Pride Parade took place in Vancouver in 1981. Today's Pride activities and celebrations are an opportunity to reflect on ongoing oppression that many members of the community continue to face, especially racialized trans women.

The City of Brampton will commemorate and acknowledge Pride month in June 2026, through sharing education and awareness about services and supports for 2SLGBTQIA+ Brampton community members. Activities will include raising the Intersex-Inclusive Progress Pride Flag on June 2nd at 11:00 AM, and holding a celebration on June 27th at Garden Square in Brampton.

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

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton