PROCLAMATION

Caribbean Heritage Month

WHEREAS: Caribbean Heritage Month in Brampton is a fitting way to acknowledge people from the Caribbean who have arrived in Canada since the 1700's. The most recent data from Statistics Canada 2021 Census states that approximately 1.6 million people of Caribbean origin live in Canada, many of whom call Brampton home.

Many Canadians of Caribbean origin or background have significantly contributed to the success and enrichment of Canada's economic, social, political, and cultural fabric.

Canada is home to the Toronto Caribbean Carnival (formerly known as Caribana) the largest festival of its kind in Canada. The festival was inaugurated more than 50 years ago; it showcases and promotes the culture and contributions of Canadians of Caribbean origin and has established a significant presence in the cultural and economic landscape of Canada, including Brampton.

This year, Senator Paulette Senior introduced Bill S-248 (45-1) "An Act Respecting Caribbean Heritage Month" in the Senate of Canada. It has passed 2nd reading and is on it's way to being recognized across the country. This is Brampton's opportunity to show it's leadership by acknowledging it now.

With July 6th being Caricom Day, it is a fitting tribute to the entire Caribbean Canadian diaspora to recognize July as Caribbean Heritage Month and officially be added to the Caretakers of our Culture's official calendar of dates of significance.

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

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton