



PROCLAMATION

International Day of Sign Languages

WHEREAS: International Day of Sign Languages is celebrated annually on September 23 as part of the International Week of Deaf People, which is observed each year during the week that includes September 23, typically running from Saturday to Sunday, with annual themes promoted globally.

Deaf and signing members of Brampton are represented by their local organization, which is a member of Tri-O – Ontario Cultural Society of the Deaf and the Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf. It is our mission to cultivate cross-cultural understanding by enriching Deaf communities across Ontario.

Through information and inspiration, we endeavour to preserve our Deaf culture and heritage, celebrate the Deaf community and our accomplishments while advancing the education and awareness of Deaf culture to greatly improve the understanding between Deaf and hearing adults, youth, and children.

Adopting the Proclamation would help to combat a serious concern in our community; the issue of language deprivation. This subject has been a major barrier for successful integration of Deaf people in our society. It is the Deaf community's highest hopes that widespread awareness of sign languages will help foster growth in a visual language that allows more people to be able to access our municipality. Municipal services have the most direct impact on our day to day life and addressing this barrier at your level would go a long way in developing an inclusive, accessible community.

International Day of Sign Languages will be celebrated in Brampton with a Clock Tower lighting on September 23, and a flag raising at Ken Whillans Square on September 24.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2026, as "International Day of Sign Languages" in the City of Brampton.

A stylized, handwritten signature of Mayor Patrick Brown in black ink.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton