PROCLAMATION

Emancipation Month

WHEREAS: Emancipation Month is recognized throughout the month of August as a time to commemorate the abolition of slavery across the British Empire, which became law on August 1, 1834, and to honour the ancestors and generations of people of African descent who endured the atrocities of slavery and systemic oppression.

Emancipation is a profound declaration of freedom, justice, human dignity, and resilience, marking a critical turning point in history while reminding us of the enduring struggle for racial equity and social justice.

Slavery and colonialism continue to shape the experiences of Black communities in Canada, and Emancipation Month offers a vital opportunity for collective education, reflection, and action toward dismantling systemic anti-Black racism.

This month is also a celebration of Black excellence, culture, leadership, and contributions—past, present, and future—and affirms the strength and vibrancy of Black communities throughout our city, province, and nation.

Organizations such as the Black Youth Empowerment Advocates of Peel (BYEAP) are playing a critical role in upholding the values of Emancipation by empowering Black youth to lead with confidence, creativity, and purpose in spaces where their voices are heard, respected, and celebrated.

Throughout Emancipation Month, Black youth engaged through BYEAP and other local leaders will organize and participate in family-friendly community events—including flag-raising ceremonies, spoken word performances, music, dialogue sessions, and cultural showcases—to reflect on freedom, honour ancestors, and demonstrate the potential and leadership of the next generation.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim August 2025 as “Emancipation Month” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton