PROCLAMATION

Vietnamese Journey to Freedom Month

WHEREAS: Following the fall of Saigon in April 1975, hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees fled their homeland by boat, enduring perilous journeys in search of freedom, safety, and a better future.

The City of Brampton recognizes the courage, resilience, and contributions of the Vietnamese boat people and their descendants by designating every April as Vietnamese Journey to Freedom Month.

The Heritage and Freedom Flag is a powerful symbol of the Vietnamese boat people's enduring hope, freedom, and perseverance, and the City of Brampton proudly proclaims it as the official flag of the Vietnamese boat refugees.

The Saigon Park Group is based in the Region of Peel, is dedicated to engaging and empowering the growing Vietnamese Canadian community by fostering a positive and inclusive environment through cultural events, advocacy, and support initiatives.

The raising of the Heritage and Freedom Flag during April serves as a solemn tribute to the struggles and sacrifices of the Vietnamese refugees and as a celebration of their resilience and contributions to Canada.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as "Vietnamese Journey to Freedom Month" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton