# PROCLAMATION

## International Week of the Deaf

**WHEREAS:** International Week of the Deaf is recognized each year during the last full week of September. This week is celebrated by various activities by respective Deaf communities in Canada and around the world.

These activities call for participation and involvement of various stakeholders including families, peers, governmental bodies, professional sign language interpreters, and Disabled Person Organizations (DPOs).

According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are more than 70 million deaf people worldwide. More than 80% of them live in developing countries.

American Sign Language is widely used by deaf and hard-of-hearing communities across Canada.

This week aims to highlight the needs of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community and encourage the dialogue within the community to introduce new ways of improving accessibility.

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim September 23-29, 2024 as “International Week of the Deaf” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton