PROCLAMATION

National Respiratory Therapy Week

WHEREAS: The last week in October is recognized as National Respiratory Therapy Week, to celebrate the respiratory therapy profession and the outstanding dedication and passion of respiratory therapists (RTs).

The College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario and the Respiratory Therapist Society of Ontario represent the interests of respiratory therapists in this province, advocate for their advancement, and create opportunities for their growth and research in the field.

Respiratory Therapy Week aims to educate the public about the roles and responsibilities of respiratory therapists in our healthcare systems and in public health. The goal is to raise awareness of the significant contribution made by RTs across our health care system and provide the opportunity to appreciate the respiratory therapy profession in general.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, respiratory therapists were on the frontlines providing essential care in hospitals, long-term care centres and at the homes of patients as well.

Our healthcare system depended on RTs to perform life sustaining procedures, conduct COVID-19 testing and provide COVID-19 vaccines, design pandemic ventilators and ensure that patients received the best care. They continue to provide support to patients recovering from COVID-19 and those who now live with the effects of long COVID as well.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim October 23-27, 2023 as “National Respiratory Therapy Week” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton