PROCLAMATION

Black History Month

WHEREAS: Black History Month is a time to recognize, honour, and celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians. The year 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of Black History Month, first established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, and formally recognized in Canada in 1996 when the House of Commons declared February as Black History Month, ensuring the histories, cultures, and contributions of people of African descent are acknowledged, celebrated, and preserved.

In August 2025, the City's Black Empowerment Unit commenced the Black Voices Consultation, a citywide engagement process designed to inform a comprehensive 5-Year Action Plan to eradicate anti-Black racism. This plan, developed in partnership with Brampton's diverse communities, City staff, organizations and other stakeholders, aims to deepen cultural and systemic change and deliver more equitable outcomes for Black Bramptonians.

The City of Brampton proudly acknowledges the significant contributions of Black residents to the city's growth, vibrancy, and identity across business, education, arts, culture, sports, innovation and public service, and reaffirms its commitment to advancing equity, dignity, belonging, and opportunity for all.

Residents are encouraged to participate in commemorative events on February 7th, including the Flag Raising at 4:00 P.M. on Ken Whillans Square and the Opening Event at 5:00 P.M. in The Rose Theatre. There are also various programs throughout the month at Brampton libraries and The Rose Theatre that honour the legacy, achievements, and ongoing contributions of the Black community.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim February 2026, as Black History Month in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton