PROCLAMATION

Saka Nakodar Day

WHEREAS: On February 4th, we observe Saka Nakodar Day, which commemorates the killing of four young Sikh men in Nakodar, Punjab, India. On this day in 1986, Indian security forces opened live fire without warning, and without the legally required authorization of a magistrate, on unarmed individuals who were peacefully protesting the sacrilege of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

This day also marks the forty-year pursuit of justice by the impacted families. Baldev Singh, father of one of the young men identified the bodies of his son, Ravinder Singh, and the three other men at Nakodar Civic Hospital. However, before last rites could be performed, the bodies of all four men were cremated. In response, Baldev Singh began a peaceful protest outside the Nakodar Police Station demanding a time bound judicial inquiry. Baldev Singh's fight for justice continues to this day.

For four decades, Baldev Singh has led a sustained global campaign seeking justice and accountability for his teenage son and the other men. While institutions in Punjab fail to act, the international community should demonstrate moral leadership.

Today, the significance of Saka Nakodar has been recognized in cities across Canada as well as internationally. On this day, we remember and honour the memory of the victims, and reaffirm the City of Brampton's commitment to justice, peace, and human rights.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2026, as "Saka Nakodar Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton