PROCLAMATION

International Women's Day

WHEREAS: International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated in the City of Brampton by recognizing the contributions of women and girls at a global level by engaging in advocacy events that create a gender-inclusive municipality while also addressing the gaps that still exist worldwide for women and girls in terms of gender parity.

Zonta Brampton-Caledon Club is a group of volunteers committed to making a better world for women and girls. Today, we join with Brampton-based agencies that provide service and support to women, together with Mayor Brown, our Council, staff, and residents, to ask that everyone make a positive difference for women.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day is "Give to Gain". Whether it is through resources, training, mentoring, or time, we can all contribute to the advancement of women by taking action to make change. Today we ask that you envision a world where women's voices are celebrated. A world where women can have a healthy self-image without judgment or criticism. A world where women and girls can do anything they set out to achieve without facing barriers simply because they are women.

It only takes a word to shape or distort how a woman feels about herself. Be vocal on how important it is to empower and support one another. Be brave and lead conversations that challenge bias and discrimination. Be an ally and put a stop to toxic behaviour targeted at women. The world we face today has a different set of challenges than the generations before us. This does not mean that we succumb to the threats and barriers that lie ahead, it means that we rise and become stronger in our fight against social injustice. It is for these reasons that we celebrate International Women's Day each year, and that we continue to build a better future for all.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2026, as "International Women's Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton