PROCLAMATION

Gujarat and Maharashtra Day

WHEREAS: Friends of Gujarat, a not-for-profit initiative of Canadian Gujaratis, connects Gujaratis and Maharashtrians to the mainstream and promotes the arts and culture of Gujarat.

Gujarat is a state in Western India. It is sometimes referred to as the "Jewel of Western India". It has an area of over 190,000 square kilometers with a coastline of 1,600 kilometers, most of which lies on the Kathiawar peninsula. It has a population in excess of 60 million. The state is bordered by Rajasthan to the north, Maharashtra to the south, Madhya Pradesh to the east, as well as the Arabian Sea and the Pakistani province of Sindh to the west. Its capital city is Gandhinagar, while its largest city is Ahmedabad. Gujarat is home to the Gujarati-speaking people of India.

Maharashtra is a state in the western peninsular region of India occupying a substantial portion of the Deccan Plateau. The economy of Maharashtra is the largest in India. With a gross state domestic product of US$500 billion, it is the single-largest contributor to India's economy, being accountable for 14% of all-India nominal GDP. The state's capital, Mumbai, is India's financial and commercial capital. The Bombay Stock Exchange, India's largest stock exchange and the oldest in Asia, is located in the city.

There are over 300,000 Gujaratis and Maharashtrians in Canada and over 80,000 residing in Brampton. This proclamation creates a voice for Gujaratis and Maharashtrians in Brampton, and helps promote the rich arts and culture of Gujarat and Maharashtra.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2026, as "Gujarat and Maharashtra Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton