PROCLAMATION

National Indigenous Peoples Day

WHEREAS: Since its official designation in 2009, June has been recognized as National Indigenous History Month. It is an opportunity for all Canadians and newcomers to learn about the unique history, traditions, contributions, and experiences of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples who have called Turtle Island home since time immemorial.

The Indigenous population is one of the fastest growing groups in Canada. According to the 2021 census, 1.8 million individuals, or 5.0% of the population identify as Indigenous. From coast to coast to coast, there are over 630 First Nations communities, representing more than 50 distinct Nations and 70 Indigenous languages.

Indigenous History Month is also an invitation to reflect on the resilience of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing impacts of colonization. This includes removing Indigenous peoples from their lands, outlawing cultural traditions, and enforcing assimilatory practices legislated by the Indian Act.

This June, we can deepen our understanding of Indigenous Peoples' experiences by attending Indigenous-led community celebrations or events, reading Indigenous-authored books, and listening to Indigenous leaders and educators.

Canadians are encouraged to learn about the stories, perspectives, and diversity of Indigenous Peoples, their history, and their contributions to the mosaic of Canada and take meaningful action in their communities to advance truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Join in Brampton's Indigenous People's Day celebration on June 20 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Garden Square.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as "National Indigenous History Month" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton