PROCLAMATION

Apraxia Awareness Day

WHEREAS: May 14, 2024, marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised throughout Brampton about childhood apraxia of speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children.

Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children. The act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years to learn to speak.

Without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills.

Public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in Brampton is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice.

Apraxia Kids is the leading nonprofit that strengthens the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia of speech. Please visit www.apraxia-kids.org for more information.

Now going into its twelfth year, Apraxia Awareness Day on May 14th aims to unite community members, children with childhood apraxia of speech, and their friends and family to be an unstoppable, united force advocating for children with childhood apraxia of speech.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2024 as “Apraxia Awareness Day” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton