PROCLAMATION

British Home Children's Day

WHEREAS: From 1869 to 1948, more than 100,000 children of all ages emigrated from all parts of the United Kingdom to Canada to work as indentured farm labourers and domestic help under the British child migration schemes.

Although many of these children were believed to be orphans, only 2% truly were, and they have since become known collectively as the British Home Children (BHC).

It is estimated that over four million Canadians today are descendants of British Home Children, whose stories are part of the fabric of our national history.

Many of these children, after enduring hardship, grew up to settle in Canada, serve our country in times of war, and contribute significantly to the growth and development of our communities.

The contributions, resilience, and sacrifices of British Home Children and their descendants should be recognized, honoured, and never forgotten.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2025 as "British Home Children's Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton