PROCLAMATION

Emancipation Day

WHEREAS: August 1st is an important day in Canadian history that marks the liberation of African people and their descendants from slavery. On August 1st, 1834, the British parliament enacted the Slavery Abolishment Act of 1833, which marked the end of slavery of people of African descent across the British Empire including Canada.

Emancipation means freedom. The Black Youth Empowerment Advocates of Peel's mission and vision aligns with emancipation and upholds the value of supporting youth find their voice and take on leadership roles within their communities.

On this day we encourage all to reflect, educate, engage, and celebrate the liberation of African Indigenous people and the ongoing global efforts to abolish slavery's legacy and the systemic racism that continues today. For over 400 years, people of African descent endured and survived the transatlantic slave trade, which included the French and British colonies.

The Black Youth Empowerment Advocates of Peel will celebrate this day by providing youth with a platform to express what emancipation means to them allowing the larger community to understand and appreciate Emancipation Day through the lens of Black Youth.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2024 as "Emancipation Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton