PROCLAMATION

Gujarat and Maharashtra Day

WHEREAS: Friends of Gujarat, a not-for-profit initiative by Canadian Gujaratis, has been established to foster connections between Gujaratis and the broader Canadian society, while promoting the rich and diverse arts and culture of Gujarat.

There are over 375,000 Gujaratis in Canada, with over 60,000 residing in Brampton, making significant contributions to the cultural, social, and economic fabric of Canada.

Gujarat, a state located in the western region of India, is often referred to as the Jewel of Western India, with a rich heritage and vibrant culture that spans a vast region of 196,024 square kilometers, featuring a stunning coastline of 1,600 kilometers.

Maharashtra, a dynamic state in the western peninsular region of India, occupies a substantial portion of the Deccan Plateau and is famously known as the Gateway of India, rich with history and culture.

Maharashtra is one of India's most industrialized states, and Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra, stands as India's financial and commercial capital.

On this day we recognize and celebrate the proud heritage of both Gujarat and Maharashtra, their cultural diversity, their contributions to the world, and their continued influence on global society.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2025 as "Gujarat and Maharashtra Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton