PROCLAMATION

International Women's Day

WHEREAS: International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated in the City of Brampton by recognizing the contributions of women and girls to our lives, community, and globally by engaging in advocacy events throughout the City that raise the importance of creating a gender-inclusive municipality while also addressing the gaps that still exist for women and girls in terms of gender parity.

The Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon is a group of volunteers driven by the common purpose of making the world a better place for women and girls. Each year the club hosts advocacy events that generate critical service funds for agencies providing essential needs such as housing, food, social services, and education, both locally and globally.

The United Nations recognized 1975 as International Women's Year and began celebrating March 8 as International Women's Day. Though the themes change year to year, gender parity remains the biggest challenge, and we are still advocating for equality in terms of social, cultural, economic, and political opportunities.

50 years following the first International Women's Day, the City of Brampton has created the Brampton Women's Advisory Committee, and the Women's Empowerment Network, to stimulate action and serve as a resource to Council.

The words we speak today impact our tomorrow, we encourage you to start meaningful conversations that recognize the achievements of women especially with youth, who are our next generation of leaders.

Be a role model by empowering change in the face of adversity and eliminating social injustices that lead to doubt and fear. Gender parity is when equal opportunity for all is achieved and when we get there, a better world will exist for women and girls.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2025 as "International Women's Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton