PROCLAMATION

Orange Shirt Day

WHEREAS: The City of Brampton acknowledges Orange Shirt Day an Indigenous-led, grassroots commemorative day that honours the children who survived attending Canadian Residential Schools and those who did not. This day reminds us that all children are sacred and the City shares in recognizing that every child matters.

The City of Brampton acknowledges the intergenerational trauma caused by the Residential School system. The systemic disconnection of Indigenous children from their families, communities, cultures and the land has resulted in lasting physical, mental, emotional and spiritual harm and loss of life that continues today.

The City of Brampton affirms that "Every Child Matters" and that Orange Shirt Day symbolizes a collective effort to educate ourselves and all Bramptonians about the ongoing legacy of the Residential School system on Indigenous Peoples resulting from racism, violence and colonization.

The City of Brampton commissioned an original art piece by Todd Jamieson, an Oneida artist, educator, and Brampton resident for over 30 years. By displaying his art every year, we recognize his understanding and connection to Indigenous culture and extend our gratitude for sharing his knowledge and experiences with the City in a very special way.

On September 30, City of Brampton residents and staff are encouraged to wear orange to raise awareness about Residential Schools. Today we honour and remember the children who never returned home, the children who survived and all the families impacted as we continue our work together on the path towards reconciliation.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2025 as "Orange Shirt Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton