PROCLAMATION

Kwanzaa Week

WHEREAS: Kwanzaa Week is an annual celebration of American culture from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually on the sixth day. It was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa.

Each day of the celebration is dedicated to one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa: unity (umoja), self-determination (kujichagulia), collective responsibility (ujima), cooperative economics (ujamaa), purpose (nia), creativity (kuumba), and faith (imani).

The Canadian Kwanzaa Association is committed to spreading the knowledge of Kwanzaa across Canada and empowering the Afro-Caribbean community with the principles and traditions of Kwanzaa to strengthen their families and uplift their pride in their history.

During Kwanzaa Week the Canadian Kwanzaa Association will honour individuals from across Canada who embody the principles of each day during Kwanzaa and celebrate on January 2nd, the 3rd Annual Day of Wellness (Afya) highlighting all the members of the African Caribbean community who teach health and wellness and promote across our community the value and need for mental wellness.

Kwanzaa Week will be a celebration and observation of the rich, vibrant, and diverse community of the Afro-Caribbeans who call Brampton home and it will create in Brampton a true sense of inclusion and respect for our contributions, traditions, and practices.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim December 26, 2023 - January 1, 2024 as “Kwanzaa Week” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton