PROCLAMATION

Orange Shirt Day

WHEREAS: The City of Brampton recognizes and affirms this day to acknowledge the experiences of the children in shared recognition that Every Child Matters. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day that honours the children who survived residential schools and remembers those who did not.

The City of Brampton acknowledges the intergenerational trauma caused by the residential school system resulting in the lasting physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual harms up to and including the loss of life that continues to this day.

The City of Brampton affirms that “Every Child Matters,” and Orange Shirt Day symbolizes a collective effort to end racism, violence and bullying and to support the safety and self-esteem of all children.

The City of Brampton strives to educate Bramptonians on the ongoing legacy of the residential school system and recognizes the need to increase understanding for those survivors and intergenerational survivors who have been, and continue to be, impacted by this legacy.

On September 30, City of Brampton residents and staff are encouraged to wear orange to raise awareness of the very tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour the thousands of survivors and their families to keep in memory all those who did not survive, and to continue to work together towards reconciliation.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2024 as “Orange Shirt Day” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton