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**BRAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**

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**Subject:** Proclamation – Tamil Heritage Month

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**Overview:**

- **The National Council of Canadian Tamils has requested that the month of January be proclaimed as Tamil Heritage Month in the City of Brampton.**

**Recommendations:**

1) That Council proclaim the month of January as Tamil Heritage Month in the City of Brampton.

**Background:**

Tamil Heritage Month celebrates the history of Canada's Tamil community and its contribution to the social, cultural, political and economic strength of Canada.

**Current Situation:**

Mohan Ramakrishnan, Chairperson, National Council of Canadian Tamils, and Neethan Shan, Chairperson, Tamil Heritage Month organizing committee, will be present to receive the proclamation at Council on January 30, 2013.

**Interdepartmental Comments:**

None.

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**WHEREAS:** *Tamil Heritage Month celebrates the history of Canada's Tamil community and its contribution to the social, cultural, political and economic strength of Canada, while recognizing Tamil accomplishments and tracing Tamil roots; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Tamil Canadians have become a fast-growing community estimated at approximately 300,000 people in the Greater Toronto Area, where the Tamil population boasts active and engaged community organizations and a thriving arts and culture scene; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Tamil Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language, literature, traditions, and arts and culture of Tamils around the world, while educating Canadians about the history of Tamils and highlighting their achievements.*

**THEREFORE:** *I, Mayor Susan Fennell, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2013 as "TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH" in the City of Brampton.*

***Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013.***