

JOHN TORY
MAYOR

Proclamation

Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day

May 18, 2019

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2019 we mark the 10th anniversary of the end of the war in Sri Lanka and remember the innocent lives that were lost.

Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day is an opportunity for us to honour and memorialize those impacted by the armed conflict in Sri Lanka. The armed conflict in Sri Lanka caused the persecution of innocent people, displaced many, and caused many to seek refuge elsewhere. We gather on this solemn day to remember, to commit to ensuring that such a tragedy is never repeated and continue to seek justice.

Of the 300,000 Tamils that now call Canada their home, many have come to Toronto to put down new roots. Tamils in Toronto have played an integral role in our success and continue to contribute to the social, economic, political and cultural fabric of this great city.

The City of Toronto recognizes that atrocities were committed during the war and that there is a need for truth seeking and proper accountability for those who were responsible. Just as you stand with us in building a great city, we stand with you in remembering those we lost, and commit to supporting long term peace, accountability and reconciliation in Sri Lanka.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 18, 2019** as "**Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day**" in the City of Toronto.



John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

