

RESOLUTION 0155-2021 adopted by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga at its meeting on June 30, 2021

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Moved by: P. Saito

Seconded by: C. Parrish

**WHEREAS** The City of Mississauga operates on the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Anishinaabe peoples, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Huron-Wendat First Nation. We recognize that these peoples, and their ancestors live and lived on these lands since time immemorial on these lands called Turtle Island. The City of Mississauga is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples; and

**WHEREAS** the residents of the Town, now City, of Mississauga chose for their name an anishinaabemowim name which speaks to the shared settler and Indigenous history within these lands; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Mississauga has committed to a path towards Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and has responded to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Mississauga is committed to speaking truths about our history to further our collective understanding of the past to help create a better future; and

**WHEREAS** the terrible uncovering of over one thousand unmarked and forgotten children burials at residential schools which have been reported over the past month is a truth about Canada's past; and

**WHEREAS** because of these truths the government of Canada has declared this year's Canada Day should be a time of reflection and focus on reconciliation; and

**WHEREAS** Gimaa Stacey LaForme of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation has called for this to be a time for supporting each other and contemplating the legacy and future of Canada; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Mississauga will mark Canada Day virtually this year in a manner that provides an opportunity for reflection on our shared history and commitment to a better future:

- Singing of National Anthem
- Greetings and Opening Remarks, Mayor Bonnie Crombie
- Comments from Mayor of Kariya, Japan Takeshi Inagaki
- Comments from Gimaa Stacey LaForme
- Oath of Reaffirmation performed by Members of Council
- Closing Remarks, Mayor Bonnie Crombie
- Lighting the Clock Tower orange to remember those lives lost and changed forever as a result of residential schools

• Changing the digital signage at the Square to "As we mark Canada Day, the City of Mississauga stands in solidarity with Indigenous communities across Canada."

AND FURTHER to mark this Canada Day:

That the Council of the City of Mississauga call upon the Government of Canada to terminate its appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling, ordering Ottawa to pay compensation to First Nations Children and their families, separated in a chronically underfunded child welfare system that sees Indigenous children making up more than half the children in foster care even though they comprise only 7% of all the children under the age of 15 in Canada.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	Х			
Councillor S. Dasko	Х			
Councillor K. Ras	Х			
Councillor C. Fonseca	Х			
Councillor J. Kovac	Х			
Councillor C. Parrish	Х			
Councillor R. Starr	Х			
Councillor D. Damerla	Х			
Councillor M. Mahoney	Х			
Councillor P. Saito	Х			
Councillor S. McFadden	Х			
Councillor G. Carlson	Х			

**AND** That this Resolution be sent to all municipalities in Canada.

<u>Unanimous</u> (12, 0)