

Proclamation

Tamil Heritage Month

January 2024

- WHEREAS Surrey is a city of many ethnicities, cross-cultural understanding, inclusiveness and respect for one's neighbours, and where Surrey's Tamil community passionately celebrates, promotes, and shares its culture, values and heritage with other communities in order to weave a vibrant Tamil thread through Surrey's multicultural tapestry; and
- **WHEREAS** January is an important month for Tamil people living in Surrey, with Tamil Harvest Festival, Thai Pongal taking place in January; and
- WHEREAS the City of Surrey acknowledges the strength and resiliency of the Tamil community in overcoming hardships and advocating for social justice and equality for all; and
- **WHEREAS** the City of Surrey encourages everyone to learn more about the history of Tamil Canadians and to reflect on their many contributions to this city

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby proclaim January 2024, as "Tamil Heritage Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke City of Surrey