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Motion – October 30th, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Brad Butt

Seconded by: Councillor John Kovac

WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is one of the most diverse and multicultural cities in Canada, where people of all cultures, ethnicities, backgrounds, and faiths are welcomed, recognized, and celebrated;

AND WHEREAS Christianity is among the diverse faiths followed by Mississauga residents and one of the most followed religions in Canada and Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS Christians have made valuable contributions to the cultural, social, religious, and humanitarian fabric of our City and have played an important role in shaping our diverse community;

AND WHEREAS the month of December is marked by significant events and celebrations in the Christian calendar, commencing with the observance of Advent and culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, which is also known as Christmas;

AND WHEREAS Christian organizations and places of worship in Mississauga offer religious services, unique events, and initiatives that highlight a strong Christian heritage during the month of December;

AND WHEREAS the month of December is also widely associated with the tradition of gift giving and the gathering of family, friends, and people of all faiths, during the Christmas season;

AND WHEREAS recognizing the month of December, which is a significant month in the Christian calendar, as "Christian Heritage Month" provides an opportunity for all residents to celebrate the history, traditions, and teachings of the Christian faith, promoting understanding and appreciation of the diverse religious and cultural heritage of our City;

AND WHEREAS recognizing and celebrating "Christian Heritage Month" also provides an opportunity to honour the contributions of Christians to our City's past, present, and future, while promoting inclusivity, unity, and respect for all residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The month of December is recognized as "Christian Heritage Month" in the City of Mississauga; and
- 2. The Council of the City of Mississauga call upon the Government of Ontario to recognize the month of December as "Christian Heritage Month" in the Province of Ontario; and
- 3. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier; and all Mississauga MPPs.

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