

Motion: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Natalie Hart

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Horneck

WHEREAS City of Mississauga proclamations are official statements made by, or under the authority of, Members of Mississauga Council to recognize causes, events and commemorations of significance to the City of Mississauga and its citizens;

AND WHEREAS, proclamation statements contribute to the fabric of Mississauga's society by recognizing cultural diversity and the public good;

AND WHEREAS, more than half of Mississauga's population was born abroad and its citizens speak more than 100 different languages;

AND WHEREAS, Mississauga is home to an active and engaged Vietnamese community whose contributions, cultural heritage, traditions, and achievements enrich the city's diversity and enhance the well-being of the community;

AND WHEREAS, recognizing and celebrating this occasion fosters inclusivity, strengthens community bonds, and highlights the importance of preserving cultural identity for future generations;

AND WHEREAS, by issuing this proclamation, the City of Mississauga reaffirms its commitment to supporting cultural heritage, diversity, and civic engagement among all communities;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Mississauga hereby proclaims April as *Vietnamese Journey to Freedom and Heritage Month* annually, recognizing the resilience, contributions, and cultural heritage of the Vietnamese community.

*Natalie Hart*