

February 14, 2025

## **Bulgarian Heritage Day Motion for City Council Agenda – February 26<sup>th</sup>**

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, March 3<sup>rd</sup> marks the celebration of Bulgarian Heritage Day, honouring the rich history, culture, and traditions of the Bulgarian people;

AND WHEREAS, the significance of this day is rooted in the commemoration of the Liberation of Bulgaria from Ottoman rule in 1878, a pivotal moment that shaped their nation's future and independence;

AND WHEREAS, Mississauga is home to an active and engaged Bulgarian community whose invaluable contributions to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our city, enrich the diverse tapestry that makes Mississauga a thriving and vibrant 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 March 3<sup>rd</sup> as Bulgarian Heritage Day annually, as a celebration of shared values of freedom, respect for diversity and commitment to community growth.
2. To recognize the significance of this day a flag-raising ceremony will take place in the Great Hall and the flag of Bulgaria shall be flown at City Hall.

