



# Proclamation

## Tamil Heritage Month

January 2025

**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 declare January 2025 as "Tamil Heritage Month" in the City of Surrey.

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Mayor Brenda Locke  
City of Surrey