



Proclamation

Persian Heritage Month

March 2023

Whereas Canada is home to more than 200,000 people of Persian descent, and more than half of them call Ontario home. Ontarians of Persian heritage have contributed to the diversity and uniqueness of our communities for generations; and,

Whereas Persians have played, and continue to play, a key role in shaping the economic, social and cultural landscape within the Town of Aurora. With thousands of years of history and tradition, Persian culture is rooted in one of the oldest civilizations on earth. After decades of contributions, Persian culture has become an inherent part of Aurora's cultural, economic and social identity; and,

Whereas in the month of March, individuals of Persian heritage celebrate Nowruz; the beginning of their new year, the day of the vernal equinox and the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere. This celebration is also a reminder of the importance of harmony between nature and life. The Town of Aurora recognizes the many achievements and contributions of individuals of Persian descent and acknowledges the proud legacy that Persian history and culture has imprinted on humanity.

Therefore be it resolved that, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim the month of **March, 2023** as **Persian Heritage Month** in the Town of Aurora

Tom Mrakas
Mayor