



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* in 2021, MP James Maloney introduced a Private member's motion to recognize the important contributions that Irish-Canadians have made to building Canada and Canadian society in general, and requested that March be declared as Irish Heritage Month to mark the importance of educating and reflecting upon Irish heritage and culture for future generations; and
- Whereas,* in March 2022, the Government of Canada proclaimed the Month of March as Irish Heritage Month to recognize the history of the Irish community in Canada and their influence and contributions that shaped our great country; and
- Whereas,* Irish immigrants began settling in the hills of northwest Albion Township, also known as "Irishtown", around 1825; and
- Whereas,* Irishtown referred to the general areas around Palgrave, the hamlet of Cedar Mills, Sleswick and Sligo; and
- Whereas,* despite the challenging terrain of these areas, the Irish settlers still managed to create a sense of permanent community out of isolated farmsteads and became an important influence in Caledon's farming history and identity;
- Whereas,* today, many descendants of the original Irish settlers still live in the area, farm the land, and preserve and restore the heritage on the Town's history; and
- Therefore,* I, Mayor Annette Groves, on behalf of the Town of Caledon Council, do hereby proclaim

March 2024

as

"Irish Heritage Month"

in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon