



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, May, we will be celebrating the many contributions of Polish communities. Since the 18th century, people of Polish descent have enriched our country's cultural diversity, while promoting social justice and solidarity.

Whereas, Today there are 1.2 million people of Polish descent in Canada. They were among the first ethnocultural groups to come here. The first immigrants arrived from Poland starting in 1752, most of them settling first in Ontario. In fact, GTA is now home to the largest Polish festival in North America. Polish Heritage Month is also an occasion to highlight the enduring bonds Polish communities across Canada have maintained with their homeland.

Whereas, Every year, Polish communities in Canada and around the world come together to celebrate Polish Constitution Day, commemorating the historic Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791

Throughout May, we are recognizing the many contributions Canadians of Polish descent make to our communities, actively participating in associations and charities while achieving remarkable feats in diverse fields such as the arts, business, politics, education, science and sport. Canada's strength lies in its diversity, in the acceptance of all communities and in equality for all. In May, I invite all Canadians to learn more about the heritage and contributions of people of Polish descent in Canada.

Therefore, I, Mayor Annette Groves, on behalf of the Town of Caledon Council, do hereby proclaim

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"Polish Heritage Month"

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

Annette Groves

Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon