

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM30.27	ACTION			Ward: All
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Proclaiming Bangladeshi Heritage Month and Independence Day of Bangladesh - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council annually proclaim March as Bangladeshi Heritage Month and every March 26 as Independence Day of Bangladesh.

Summary

Toronto is home to a large and vibrant Bangladeshi community. Bangladeshi Canadians have made significant contributions to Toronto's scientific, athletic, cultural and political development, and they continue to help foster growth, prosperity and innovation throughout this great City.

The month of March is an important one for the Bangladeshi community. Every year on March 26, Bangladeshis around the world celebrate Independence Day in commemoration of their nation gaining independence from Pakistan in 1971. This day is also marked with music, parades, fairs, and various other public and private gatherings held to celebrate the history and traditions of Bangladesh. March 26, 2021 marks the 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh's declaration of independence from Pakistan.

By proclaiming the month of March as Bangladeshi Heritage Month and March 26 as Bangladeshi Independence Day, the City of Toronto honours the many significant contributions Bangladeshi Canadians have made and this landmark anniversary.

Toronto stands with the thousands of newcomers who have made Toronto their home, and the generations of Bangladeshi-Canadian citizens who contribute so much to the cultural richness and diversity of our City, and who strengthen us socially, politically, culturally and economically. And as one of the world's most diverse cities, Toronto has become a model city where we respect and protect all religions, faiths and beliefs.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM30.27