



Toronto Nepalese Sports Club

To: The Toronto City Council

Subject: Letter of Support for Motion MM 40.7 – Proclamation of April as Nepali Heritage Month

On behalf of the **Toronto Nepalese Sports Club (TNSC)**, We are writing to express our enthusiastic and unwavering support for the motion introduced by Councillor Neethan Shan to officially proclaim **April as Nepali Heritage Month** in the City of Toronto.

As an organization dedicated to fostering community spirit, health, and integration through athletics, we see firsthand the vibrancy and dedication of the Nepali diaspora. This proclamation is a vital step in acknowledging a community that has become an integral thread in Toronto's multicultural fabric.

The Nepali community is not a monolith; we are a rich tapestry of diverse ethnicities, languages, and cultural traditions. Recognizing Nepali Heritage Month would provide several key benefits:

- **Honouring Contributions:** Nepali Canadians contribute significantly to the city's economy, healthcare, technology, and social services. Official recognition honors this hard work and civic dedication.
- **Celebrating Diversity:** From the peaks of the Himalayas to the streets of Toronto, our culture-including our unique festivals, arts, and languages-enriches the city's "Diversity Our Strength" motto.
- **Empowering the Youth:** For the "uprising" generation of Nepali Canadians, seeing their heritage celebrated by the City of Toronto fosters a deep sense of belonging and pride. It helps them feel truly "at home" in Canada.
- **Promoting Inclusion:** Official heritage months encourage intercultural dialogue, allowing all Torontonians to learn about and participate in Nepali traditions.

The Toronto Nepalese Sports club believes that sports and culture go hand-in-hand. We use the pitch and the court to bring people together, and having the month of April dedicated to our heritage would provide a wonderful platform for us to showcase our community's resilience and spirit.

We strongly urge the City Council to pass this motion. Let us officially celebrate the history and future of Nepali Canadians in this great city.

Sincerely,

Toronto Nepalese Sports Club (TNSC)