



**April 20, 2026**

**Toronto City Clerk and Members of Council**

**Subject: Support for Motion MM 40.8 – Proclaiming April as Nepali Heritage Month**

Dear Members for Council - Toronto,

We are writing to express my strong support for Councillor Neethan Shan's motion (MM 40) to proclaim April as Nepali Heritage Month in the City of Toronto. Recognizing Nepali Heritage Month is a significant way to honor the vibrant culture, history, and values of the Nepali community. It provides a platform to celebrate Nepali arts and literature while acknowledging the meaningful economic and social contributions Nepali Canadians make to Toronto and Canada every day.

We believe that officially designating this month will foster greater inclusivity and cultural appreciation across our city. I urge City Council to vote in favor of this motion. Thank you for your time and for supporting our diverse communities.

Thank you for your efforts and dedication to recognize and uplift Nepali community and its spirit in Toronto and Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Smita Upadhaya  
President, HaNCON