



Proclamation

May 2024

Polish Heritage Month

Whereas, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario introduced Bill 18 on December 9, 2021 to establish the month of May as Polish Heritage Month in recognition of the great impact Polish Canadians have had on Ontario's history, culture, and community; and

Whereas, Ontario is home to over half a million people with Polish heritage, making the Polish community one of the largest groups in Ontario; and

Whereas, Canadians of Polish heritage have participated in building Canada for generations and have enriched its culture and heritage, becoming an integral part of Canadian's multicultural community; and

Whereas, Polish Heritage Month will be celebrated each May, commemorating Constitutional Day in Poland – the implementation of the first democratic and progressive constitution in Europe on May 3, 1791; and

Whereas, May 3, 1791 is an important date in Poland's history, as it marks the centuries long struggle for freedom and independence by the Polish people; and

Whereas, Polish Heritage Month is an opportunity to bring Ontarians of all ages and backgrounds together to celebrate Polish history and traditions; and

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post and on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024, as "**Polish Heritage Month**" in the Town of Orangeville.

Lisa Post
Mayor