

Subject: Motion to Officially Proclaim February as Chinese Heritage Month

Dear Clerks Department,

I, Joe Li, propose a motion to officially proclaim the month of February as Chinese Heritage Month within the City of Markham in recognition of the rich cultural contributions of the Chinese community to our society. This designation will provide an opportunity for education, celebration, and appreciation of the Chinese heritage.

Recognizing the significant contributions of the Chinese community to the cultural mosaic of our city, it is fitting that we designate a specific month to celebrate and honor their rich heritage. February has been chosen to coincide with the Lunar New Year, a momentous cultural event for the Chinese community.

Motion:

Whereas, the Chinese community has played a significant role in shaping the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our City of Markham;

Whereas, February is an ideal month to celebrate Chinese Heritage Month, aligning with Lunar New Year and various historical and cultural events significant to the Chinese community;

Whereas, recognizing and celebrating Chinese heritage will promote diversity, understanding, and harmony within our community;

Therefore, be it resolved that City of Markham officially proclaim the month of February as Chinese Heritage Month;

Be it further resolved that City of Markham encourages the promotion of educational and cultural events throughout the month to raise awareness and appreciation for Chinese heritage;

Be it further resolved that City of Markham supports initiatives to foster dialogue and collaboration between the Chinese community and the broader community to enhance mutual understanding.

This motion will contribute to the cultural diversity and inclusivity of our region, fostering unity and appreciation for the Chinese heritage. I believe that this motion, once approved, will strengthen the cultural fabric of the City of Markham and foster a deeper sense of unity and understanding among its residents.

I urge all members of council to support this motion and collectively celebrate the rich tapestry of our community.

I kindly request that this motion be added to the agenda for the upcoming General committee meeting and Council Meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to the positive impact that declaring February as Chinese Heritage Month will have on our community.

Sincerely,

Joe Li, Regional Councillor
City of Markham

