



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

"Day of Non-Violence: 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi"

OCTOBER 2, 2019

WHEREAS: Mahatma Gandhi was an exceptional leader and human being. He has influenced and inspired both individuals and world leaders in the fight against inequality and oppression, and has provided an invaluable contribution to peaceful freedom struggles across the world. His voice for humanity, equality, justice and non-violence gained global recognition; and

WHEREAS: In 2007, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, the 2nd of October, was declared by the United Nations as the International Day of Non-Violence, and is today celebrated all over the globe; and

WHEREAS: Despite grand thoughts, his was a life of austerity, tolerance, courage and struggle. He believed in, and argued for, the essential unity of all peoples and all religions. He made powerful efforts to unite people across ethnic and religious lines; and

WHEREAS: His philosophy and devotion strongly inspired the human rights movement of the 20th century. Today, this movement is under renewed pressure in all corners of the world. In many cases, conflict still persists along religious and ethnic lines, often within the borders of nation states; and


WHEREAS: In this time of uncertainty and disruption, the celebration of Gandhi's 150th birthday anniversary is a reminder of the continued relevance of his teachings and of their utmost importance all over the world; and

THEREFORE: I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim;

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