



# THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA  
MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

### “Persian Heritage Month” March, 2026

- WHEREAS:** The Legislative Assembly of Ontario passed Bill 271, which received Royal Assent on June 3, 2021, formally recognizing the month of March as Persian Heritage Month in acknowledgement of the significant contributions of Iranian-Canadians to the province’s history, culture, and community; and,
- WHEREAS:** The City of Windsor, and the Province of Ontario more broadly, are home to a vibrant and growing Iranian-Canadian community whose members have enriched society through their achievements in education, arts, business, and civic life; and,
- WHEREAS:** Persian heritage is one of the world’s oldest continuous civilizations, with a rich legacy of literature, art, science, and philosophy that has influenced cultures across the globe for millennia, including the enduring works of poets such as Rumi and Hafez, whose words continue to echo across time and cultures; and,
- WHEREAS:** Rooted in a longstanding tradition of inclusivity and respect for human dignity, Persian civilization is often associated with the legacy of Cyrus the Great, whose Cyrus Cylinder is widely regarded as an early expression aligned with modern principles of human rights, reflecting values of tolerance, justice, and respect for diverse cultures; and,
- WHEREAS:** The month of March holds particular significance in Persian culture as it marks the celebration of Nowruz, the Persian New Year, which coincides with the arrival of spring and symbolizes renewal, peace, and unity, making it a meaningful time to recognize and celebrate Persian heritage; and,
- WHEREAS:** Persian Heritage Month provides an opportunity for residents of all backgrounds to learn about, celebrate, and appreciate Persian history, traditions, and contributions, while recognizing the role Iranian-Canadians play in strengthening the multicultural fabric of Windsor and Canada
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim



**March, 2026**  
**“Persian Heritage Month”**  
in the City of Windsor.

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Mayor