



PROCLAMATION

Pakistan Day

August 14, 2024

Whereas Pakistani Canadians have been present and visible in Canada since the late 1800's and early 1900's. They were some of the original pioneers who arrived as migrants from British India to settle in British Columbia; and

Whereas by 1905 there were approximately 200 individuals who settled that community of migrants from present day Pakistan; and

Whereas over the years, Pakistani Canadians have contributed in all areas of our wonderful country and are part and parcel of the Canadian fabric, which now millions upon millions can now call home. According to the Census in 2021, the total amount of Pakistani Canadians grew to 303,260, ranking the population as one of the largest ethnic groups in Canada; and

Whereas Pakistani Canadians take very seriously their responsibility of being proud ambassadors of Canada. Pakistani Canadians are visible in the military, journalism, politics, entertainment, education, athletics, as well as businesses both large and small, contributing across the board to the ever-expanding Cultural Mosaic that is Canada.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim August 14, 2024 as "Pakistan Day" in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 10th day of July, 2024.

Bryan Paterson
Mayor