



Proclamation

May 2026 Polish Heritage Month

Whereas, the House of Commons of Canada unanimously passed a motion on February 7, 2024 to officially declare May as Polish Heritage Month, following the earlier 2021 proclamation by the Province of Ontario; 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;

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026, as "**Polish Heritage Month**" in the Town of Orangeville.

Lisa Post
Mayor