

## Proclamation

## March 18, 2022

## Holi Festival

Whereas, Holi is a Hindu celebration also known as the Festival of Colours; and

Whereas, Holi is one of the most celebrated festivals in South Asian communities around the world; and

**Whereas,** this festival of love marks the end of winter and the arrival of spring, new beginnings, friendship and the victory of good over evil; and

**Whereas,** on the evening of Holi, people will visit friends and family, exchange gifts, sweets, and greetings to renew relationships and strengthen emotional bonds between people; and

**Whereas,** these celebrations demonstrate our diversity and remind us that inclusion builds a stronger and more vibrant community; and

**Now Therefore,** I, Mayor Sandy Brown, on behalf of Council and the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, do hereby proclaim **March 18, 2022** as **"Holi Festival"** in the Town of Orangeville and encourage all residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to make Orangeville an inclusive community for all.

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Sandy Brown Mayor