

Proclamation

March 2023

Irish Heritage Month

Whereas, in 2004 the Government of Ontario proclaimed Bill 33: An Act proclaiming Irish Heritage Day – March 17, the day of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of the Irish; and

Whereas, the Government of Canada marked the first official Irish Heritage Month in Canada in March of 2022; and

Whereas, today almost 4.6 million Canadians in towns and cities across Canada can trace their ancestry back to Ireland; and

Whereas, Irish Canadians have greatly contributed to the story of our country, province and town and this month is an opportunity to learn more about their history, culture and positive impacts to our local community; and

Whereas, the <u>Celtic Academy Irish Dance Canada</u> with ten locations in Ontario, and one within Orangeville, is celebrating the month with numerous Irish Dance classes and camps; and

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

Lisa Post Mayor