

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

**TITLE: RAISING THE SYMBOLIC VIETNAMESE HERITAGE AND
FREEDOM FLAG**

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, the cities of Brampton and Mississauga, as well as the Ontario Legislature, and Parliament of Canada, have come together to raise the Heritage and Freedom Flag of South Vietnam; and,

Whereas, events such as this flag raising commemorate the great sacrifices made to find freedom and democracy after the fall of Saigon in 1975; and,

Whereas, following the fall of Saigon, tens of thousands of Vietnamese refugees fled by boat, and, after a perilous journey, made Canada home; and,

Whereas, Journey to Freedom Day is organized by the Vietnamese community across Canada every year on April 30, to remember the lives lost and acknowledge the important role played by Canada in accepting Vietnamese refugees.

It is therefore recommended:

1. THAT the Heritage and Freedom Flag be raised at City Hall on April 30, 2023; and,
2. THAT April 30, 2023, be proclaimed Journey to Freedom Day in Vaughan; and,
3. THAT the Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to York Region, Vaughan MPPs and Vaughan MPs.