

THE CITY OF WINDSOR

## PROCLAMATION

## "Polish Heritage Month" May 2024

- WHEREAS: On February 7th, 2024, the House of Commons recognized the significant contributions Polish Canadians have made to Canadian society, economy, politics, and culture. From now on, May 3rd of every year shall be the Polish Constitution Day, and the month of May, every year, the Polish Heritage Month; and,
- WHEREAS: There are 1.1 million Canadians of Polish descent living in Canada, with 500,000 of those living in Ontario, 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 Canada's multicultural community; and,
- WHEREAS: Polish-Heritage Month will be celebrated each May, commemorating Constitution Day in Poland - the implementation of the first democratic and progressive constitution in Europe on May 3rd, 1791; and,
- **WHEREAS:** May 3rd, 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 Canadians of all ages and backgrounds together to celebrate Polish history and traditions and,
- THEREFORE: I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

	May 2024 "Polish Heritage Month" in the City of Windsor. Mayor
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