

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Each year in January, Canada celebrates Tamil Heritage Month, a time for us all to recognize the Tamil community's spectacular achievements and accomplishments in Canada.

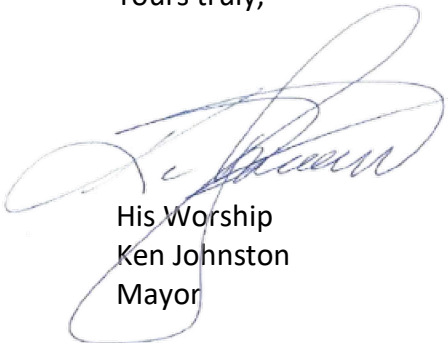
Tamil culture is one of the oldest traditions in the world and Canada is proud to be home to one of the largest Tamil diasporas. Tamil Canadians have overcome tremendous obstacles and have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Canada in politics, health, science, sports, business, and other fields.

I would like to thank KAILASA Canada and SHRIKAILASA Uniting Nations for Feminine Empowerment and Gender Equality for hosting a special event on Tamil Women Excellence. This event showcases the strength and resilience of Tamil Women who continue to persevere and work tirelessly to break barriers while building new identities for themselves and every Tamil woman around the world.

Congratulations to all the Tamil women who are receiving the Awards today. Your footsteps will be an inspiration for fellow Canadians to achieve their own dreams beyond the barriers of gender identity.

On this auspicious occasion, as the Mayor of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, I would like to thank The Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism His Divine Holiness Bhagavan Nithyananda Paramashivam for guiding KAILASA Canada to continue to work on Feminine Empowerment and Gender Equality, while preserving the Tamil, Hindu heritage.

Yours truly,



His Worship  
Ken Johnston  
Mayor

