



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

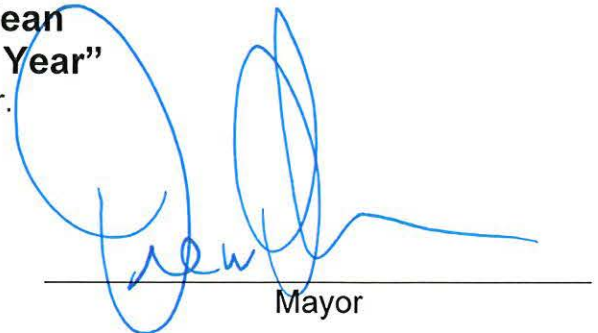
PROCLAMATION

**“Happy Akitu Chaldean
Babylonian 7324 New Year”
April 1, 2024**

- WHEREAS:** We are Remembering and celebrating the Chaldean and Babylonian History, 5300 years before Christ; and,
- WHEREAS:** Chaldeans are a part of the indigenous people of Mesopotamia who have lived in the Middle East since ancient times, including in what is today called Iraq, Syria, Turkey, and Iran; and,
- WHEREAS:** There are nearly 100,000 Chaldeans in Canada, including about 22,000 in Windsor, and the largest concentration is in the GTA; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Chaldean people have faced systematic persecution in their ancestral homeland; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Chaldean Babylonian New Year, Akitu, is a celebration of spring, rebirth, and renewal, which often culminates in a celebration on April 1st;
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim



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**“Happy Akitu Chaldean
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in the City of Windsor.



Mayor