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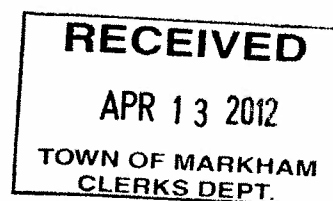
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April 10, 2012

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Town of Markham Anthony Roman Centre
101 Town Centre Blvd.,
Markham, ON L3R 9W3



Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

On behalf of the 3 children's mental health agencies which provide services in York Region (Blue Hills Child & Family Centre, Kinark Child & Family Services and The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families), I am writing to request that you proclaim May 6 -12, 2012 as "Children's Mental Health Week" in the Town of Markham.

One in 5 children experiences mental health problems. Treatment is effective, however, frequently these problems are not diagnosed or treated and they may become more serious. Through a variety of activities which are scheduled for Children's Mental Health Week, we are striving to achieve the following four goals:

- Promoting/maintaining good mental health.
- Increasing public awareness of children's mental health issues and dispelling the associated stigma.
- Encouraging parents to seek help.
- Providing contact information for children's mental health services in York Region.

We ask that you support us in our quest for optimal mental health for all children by making a proclamation and including the following contact information:

- Blue Hills Child & Family Centre: 905-773-4323 or gendeliv@bluehillschildandfamily.ca
- Kinark Child & Family Services: info@kinark.on.ca
- The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families: 905-887-5896 or info@theyorkcentre.ca

"Healthy Minds, Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities"

If you require additional information, please contact me at 905-851-1672.

Yours truly,

Noreen Lee

Noreen Lee, Chairperson
The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families



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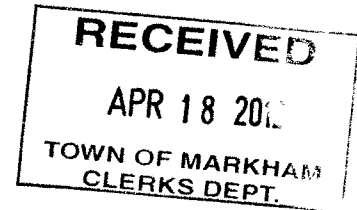
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April 12th, 2012

Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham, Town Clerk,
Town Of Markham,
101 Town Centre Blvd,
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

RE: Request for Proclamation and Flag Raising for York Region Pride Week - June 16-24, 2012

Dear Ms. Kitteringham,

On behalf of the York Pride Fest Committee, I am writing to request your participation in Pride Week 2012.

The York Pride Fest Committee, made up of volunteer leaders, organizes York Region's Pride Week celebrations. PFLAG Canada - York Region, a registered charity and York Region's local chapter of the national PFLAG Canada organization, has been a proud member of the York Pride Fest Committee since its formation.

This year marks the twelfth anniversary of Pride Week in York Region. York Pride Fest is requesting involvement and leadership from the Town Of Markham through the proclamation of Pride Week June 16th to June 24th, 2012. This proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities living in York Region.

In recent years, York Region Pride week has been proclaimed by all municipalities (except King Township, which has a 'no proclamations' policy). Last year marked York Region Pride Week's first official flag-raising ceremony in Richmond Hill. Aurora, Georgina, Markham, Newmarket and the city of Vaughan also flew the Pride flag in 2011. We request that during Pride Week 2012 the Rainbow Flag be raised in the Town Of Markham, in celebration of diversity and protection of equality. If needed, we would be delighted to provide a flag of a size to meet your preference.

Please visit the *York Region Pride Fest* website at www.yorkpridefest.com for up-to-date information about events scheduled throughout the week. Contact *Haran Vijayanathan* at 416-529-7161 or haran.v1@yorkpridefest.com for more information

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to welcoming you to some of the exciting activities happening throughout York Region during Pride Week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Keith".

Linda Keith
President, PFLAG Canada - York Region