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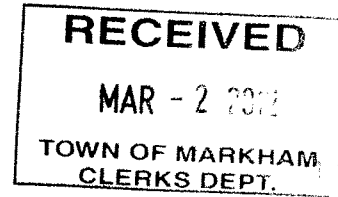
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January 9,, 2012

The Town of Markham
Mayor Frank Scarpitti
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L7B 1A1



Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti,

When a community is in crisis, responding to the immediate needs of people takes top priority. This response effort can quickly deplete a community's human and financial resources.

Over the years, the Canadian Red Cross has responded to number of disasters not only in York Region but across Canada. Thanks to the generosity of Canadians, the Red Cross has been able to respond to disasters small and large in Markham as well as other areas in Canada. The Canadian Red Cross also educates individuals and communities on emergency preparedness, first aid and CPR, babysitting skills, humanitarian issues and the prevention of abuse and violence for youth

March is Red Cross Month and each year, the Canadian Red Cross runs a public awareness campaign to increase public awareness and gain support for our programs and services.

I would like to request your support through an official proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month. I have enclosed the 2012 template proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month for your review. You may contact Beverly Verwey, Disaster Management Coordinator with any questions you may have.

We would also like to request that the Town of Markham make this proclamation in conjunction with a flag raising ceremony. If you require a new Red Cross flag to be flown for the month of March on a Town of Markham flag post please contact Beverly. Also contact her if you would like a Red Cross Representative to attend this flag-raising ceremony.

Thank you in advance for your support. Beverly can be reached at 905-830-9565 or 1-800-361-9448 ext. 223 and would be pleased to provide you with more information or discuss the proclamation with you in person.

Sincerely,

Yash Kapur
Branch President



March is Red Cross Month 2012

Proclamation

Whereas, the Canadian Red Cross Society has been engaged in preventing and alleviating human suffering across Canada and around the world, and

Whereas, the Canadian Red Cross Society has helped thousands of Canadians through its Disaster Relief and Community Services, including our own citizens of the **Town of Markham**, and

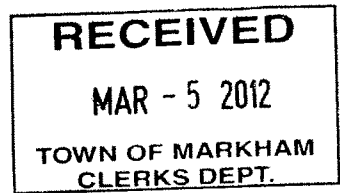
Whereas, the Canadian Red Cross Society is a reflection of the Canadian spirit of generosity, caring and selflessness,

Therefore, I, **Mayor Frank Scarpitti of the Town of Markham** hereby proclaim March 2012 as Red Cross Month here in the **Town of Markham**. I also urge all residents of the **Town of Markham** to support the Canadian Red Cross Society and our community by regularly volunteering their time or by financially supporting Red Cross programs, across the world and across the street.

In witness whereof, I have herewith set my hand and caused the great seal of the **Town of Markham** to be affixed.

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March 2012

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



**RE: PROCLAMATION OF GIRLS RIGHTS WEEK,
APRIL 30 – MAY 6, 2012**

Dear Ms. Kitteringham,

York Region is one of the fastest growing and most diverse regions in Canada and provides some of the most wonderful opportunities for community leaders to celebrate the protection of equality within their constituencies.

Girls Incorporated® of York Region (GIYR) is a non-profit youth organization that is dedicated to empowering girls and young women to seek the highest quality of life possible. The programs that we offer are designed to help girls develop to the fullest of their capacities in all areas of life. We actively strive to enhance confidence and self-esteem in girls and young women, while giving them the skills and tools they need in order to be empowered, productive and contributing members of society.

We are writing to request participation and leadership from the Town Of Markham through the proclamation of ***Girl's Rights Week*** in Markham, April 30th through May 6th, 2012. Your proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of all girls and women living in York Region.

Girls require and deserve the awareness, attention, and commitment of a wide range of individuals and organizations to promote their healthy development. We thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Martin".

Ashley Martin
Youth Coordinator



**WORDING FOR MOTION CONCERNING THE DATE OF
MAY 28TH BEING OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED AS
“LALI VIJ DAY”
IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM, ONTARIO**

Mr. Speaker, since 1968... the name of Lali Vij has held a trailblazing & rather celebrated place in the world of South Asian broadcasting via both Radio & Television.

He began his broadcasting career by presenting a weekly radio program on CHIN FM Radio called "Voice Of India" that became so popular that televisions would be switched off and personal gatherings would be halted in order to truly enjoy each broadcast.

In 1979 Mr. Vij, in partnership with local broadcaster, Sherali Thaver & another well respected figure in the community, in fact the man who started it all, Mr. SGP Jafry.. launched the Sounds Of Asia programs on Global Television from Saturday September 20th 1979 until September 8th 1984.

The next week, Lali who had since become the sole producer from August of 1982, moved his show onto Citytv. During the course of his programs, Mr. Vij interviewed & featured some of the biggest names in South Asian Sports, Entertainment & Politics while creating an exceptional window for our community with a level of respect & professionalism that made it so people would find their respective weekends incomplete without being able to watch Sounds Of Asia.

In addition to the great names from back home, which included many who had granted their first... and in some cases, only appearances on television and/or radio within Canada or North America, Mr. Vij's bedrock mission and objective was the integration and co-operation of the South Asian Community within the mainstream Canadian society.

Part of this process involved great active participation in a handful of community activities such as June 1985's Charity Concert for The United Way within Maple Leaf Gardens that had featured legendary singers from India as Lata Mangeshkar & the Late Kishore Kumar... the Mahatma Gandhi Peace Rally to Toronto City Hall in May of 1987 which successfully attracted & united some 10 – 15,000 supporters from all throughout the GTA's countless national, linguistic & faith backgrounds, along with his numerous interviews for television and radio with many esteemed Mayors, Councillors & Aldermen throughout the GTA, Former Premiers & MPPs within the Ontario Legislature and of course, a handful of former Prime Ministers & MPs from the House Of Commons.

However Mr. Speaker, on the night of Tuesday May 28th 1991... Mr. Vij who dedicated a great deal of his life to the entertainment & integration of Ontario's South Asian Community tragically became and to this day, still remains one of Toronto's most prominent victims of gun violence when he was viciously assassinated at the hands of a cowardly gunman while his wife had watched in horror.

In light of this truly disastrous event Mr. Speaker, it is my most sincere appeal, hope, request and desire that my esteemed colleagues within this great Council, join me in unanimously passing this motion which would officially declare the date of May 28th to be permanently known as "Lali Vij Day" within the Town Of Markham while also working to insure that the promise made last year of placing his name in the town's reserved list & following up with developers to name an upcoming street in his honour, so that the great legacy & many innumerable gifts given by one of Markham's most famous residents to the GTA, to Ontario & the world itself as a whole can always be recognized.

It is also my hope that through this motion, the great name and legacy of the Late Lali Vij will be able to stand the test of time, continue to live in our hearts & prayers while also being included into the pantheon of our nation's greatest & most significant historical figures.

PROCLAMATION BY MARKHAM COUNCIL OF "PAKISTAN NATIONAL DAY AND HOISTING OF PAKISTAN FLAG AT THE MARKHAM CIVIC CENTER ON MARCH 23, 2012

It has been a tradition in Markham for the last 10 years to celebrate Pakistan National Day at Markham City Centre. Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Members of Markham Council are invited to join the celebrations for Pakistan National Day, on Tuesday March 23, 2010 at the Markham Civic Centre. Consul General of Pakistan Hon. Sahebzada A. Khan and the Consulate of Pakistan will be Co-hosting this event with the Mayor of Markham.

Canadians of Pakistani Origin in Markham would really appreciate if Markham Council would approve the following in tonight's agenda (February 9, 2010):

- 1. Proclaim March 23, 2011 as "Pakistan national Day" in Markham and**
- 2. Allow to raise the Pakistan flag to raised as part of a ceremony in front of the city hall and let it remain flying the whole day.**

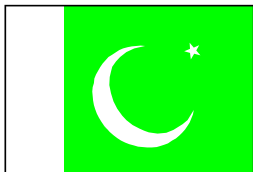
"This is a unique opportunity for the Pakistani community to celebrate their national Day with people from all walks of life and share the values of their cultural heritage," says former Markham Ward 7 Councillor Khalid Usman.

To mark this special day, there will be a flag-raising ceremony and celebration at the main entrance of the Civic Centre, starting at 10 a.m. Following the ceremony, there will be remarks and a cake cutting ceremony in the Council Chamber.

"We are Markham and are proud to celebrate our diversity and this event is one way to recognize our community," says Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti.

Flag Raising Ceremony Wednesday March 23, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. (Arrival)

Markham Theatre
171 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham
(Northwest corner of Warden Avenue and Highway 7)



The National Flag of Pakistan is dark green in colour with a white bar, a white crescent in the centre and a five-pointed star. The green field represents Muslim majority, while the white area represents minorities in the country. The crescent represents progress and the five-rayed star represents light and knowledge. (Reference: Diplomatic Mission of Pakistan in Canada)

Contact: Khalid Usman, FCA 905-470-8111