



PROCLAMATION

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO INDEPENDENCE DAY

August 31, 2011

WHEREAS the Republic Trinidad and Tobago gained its independence from Great Britain on August 31st, 1962 and, at midnight on August 30th, 1962, the Trinidad and Tobago flag was raised for the first time;

WHEREAS the Trinidadian and Tobagonian community in the Greater Toronto Area has made an outstanding contribution to the building of our community through their dedication and commitment; and,

WHEREAS the Town of Markham has begun a tradition of celebrating Trinidad & Tobago Independence Day at the Anthony Roman Markham Civic Centre through a flag raising ceremony;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Wednesday, August 31, 2011 be proclaimed as Trinidad and Tobago Independence Day in the Town of Markham; and,
2. That a ceremony be held at the Markham Civic Centre, Anthony Roman Centre with the attendance of Members of Council and Consul Venessa Ramhit-Ramroop, to raise the flag of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

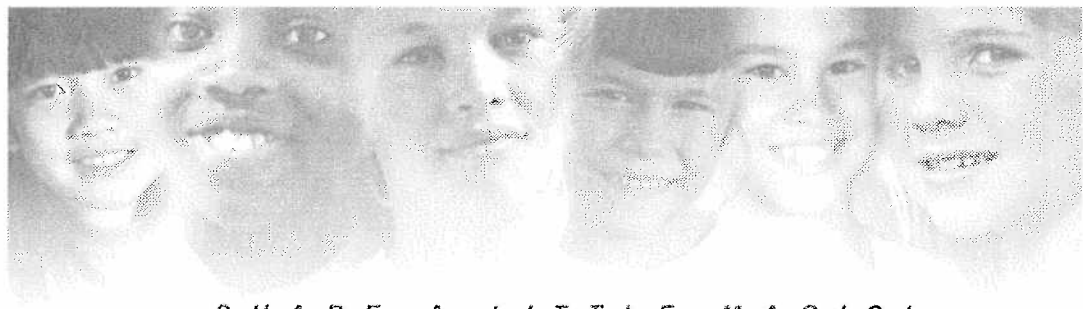
Frank Scarpitti

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor





**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of York**

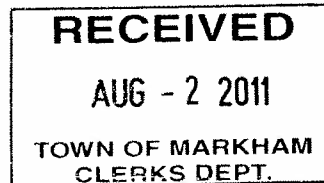


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*Send to Kimberly
to lead after!*

July 6th, 2011

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



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Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

RE: September – Big Brother Big Sister Month

This letter is to formally request the Town of Markham to declare September – Big Brother Big Sister Month.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York is part of Canada's leading childrens' mentoring organization. Our mentoring programs are characterized by supportive, caring, positive role model relationships between an adult and child/youth that enhances the self-esteem and self-confidence of children and encourages them to develop optimistic views of themselves and their futures.

We are currently serving over 550 children in York Region in a variety of programs including the traditional Big Brothers Big Sisters program, Go Girls! Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies, In-School Mentoring, Mentoring for Teens, The Club, Activity Nights and Family and Couples Matches.

This is a National Event and we would appreciate this being acknowledged by the Town of Markham.

If you have any questions please contact me directly or our Executive Director – Grant Peckford at 905-726-2149 x 304.

Yours truly,

Mary Lynn Stephenson
Development and Events Co-ordinator
905-726-2149 x 305





United Way of York Region

June 30, 2011

His Worship Frank Scarpitti
Mayor, Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, Ontario
L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

On behalf of United Way of York Region, I am excited to announce **September 19 to September 23, 2011** as United Way Week. Once again, we ask for your leadership and support to officially declare this week across the Town of Markham.

United Way Week engages and informs individuals across our great region about the important work United Way carries out. Whether it is moving people from poverty to possibility, helping kids be all they can be or building strong, healthy neighbourhoods, United Way is supporting local, frontline initiatives that help maintain a strong, vibrant and self-sustaining region.

Last year, with support from all nine municipalities and The Regional Municipality of York, United Way kicked off with the announcement of Strength Investments – transformational funding for everyday people and groups, already at work in their communities, to identify and solve their own priorities. To date, Strength Investments has invested, and, based on this success, an additional \$150,000 is available for distribution in 2011.

At United Way, we believe that civic participation is the single most sustainable way to solve our region's most pressing social issues – and we believe that your continued support of United Way Week encourages this participation.

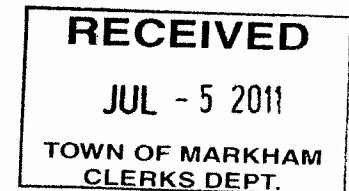
We look forward to sharing plans of this year's United Way Week over the upcoming months, following Council's proclamation. Should you have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact Daniele Zanotti, United Way of York Region CEO at (905) 474-9974 ext. 224 or dzanotti@uwyr.on.ca.

On behalf of the 1 in 3 we serve, thank you in advance for joining us again this year and declaring September 19 – September 23, 2011, United Way Week in the Town of Markham.

Please know that thanks to you, change starts here.

Ian Proudfoot
Vice President and Regional Publisher, YRMG
Chair, 2011 Community Campaign

cc: Mr. John Livey, CAO
Daniele Zanotti, CEO, United Way of York Region



May 25, 2011

Mayor Frank Scarpitti,
The Corporation of the Town of Markham,
101 Town Centre Blvd.,
MARKHAM, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION – “MARKHAM FAIR WEEK”

In past years Markham Town Council has been kind enough to proclaim the week leading up to the Fair “**MARKHAM FAIR WEEK**”. For 167 consecutive years Markham Fair has proudly created a forum to showcase our community and your support is greatly appreciated and essential to the success of this annual event.

The MARKHAM FAIR this year will run from *September 29th to October 2nd* inclusive and we would respectfully request that Markham Town Council proclaim the week of *September 26th* “**MARKHAM FAIR WEEK**”.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and we look forward to a favourable reply.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Peco'.

John Peco
General Manager

Markham and East York Agricultural Society



It gives me great pleasure to call upon all Mayors, Chiefs, Reeves, Councillors and community leaders from across Canada to **proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2011**. The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) has been an active partner in the restorative justice community for more than a decade and has been proud to provide leadership to the annual celebration since 1996.

Restorative Justice Week 2011 will be held in Canada, and throughout the world, from **November 13th - 20th** for the purpose of sharing the concrete learning and results that have come from the growing experience of practitioners and stakeholders in the application of a restorative justice approach and processes.

The theme this year is **"Re-visioning Justice"**. This theme calls upon all of us to envision how a restorative justice approach can be applied and implemented within existing systems. It is a challenge to the health care systems, educational systems, justice systems, correctional systems, and all other systems and/or levels of government, to be creative and innovative in looking at 'justice' through a restorative justice lens.

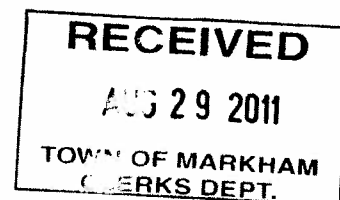
Municipal recognition of Restorative Justice Week increases from year to year. In 2010, 378 municipalities across Canada proclaimed Restorative Justice Week; an increase of 130% from 2009. In addition, the provinces of Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia proclaimed the Week. Restorative Justice Week was also celebrated in at least 19 other countries. This year, with your support, we hope to build on this success. Here are some ideas of things you could do as leaders in your community:

- Declare / proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2011. We have included with this letter a copy of the proclamation. A printable version can also be found on our website: www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/rj/rj2011/genproc-eng.shtml;
- Host a town hall meeting to promote an awareness of how restorative justice is expressed in your communities;
- Challenge your community partners to create a local planning committee for Restorative Justice Week 2011 activities;
- Invite a guest speaker from your community, who is involved in restorative justice, to share their perspectives.

Should you require someone to talk to your city council or if you would like more information, please contact CSC's Restorative Justice Division at restorativejustice@csc-scc.gc.ca. **Please fax a copy of the proclamation or the minutes of the meeting declaring/proclaiming Restorative Justice Week 2011, as well as your contact information, to (613) 943-2171.**

For more information on Restorative Justice Week 2011 and available resources, or to let us know if your city, town or village is planning an event, visit www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/rj/index-eng.shtml. Not only will your Restorative Justice Week event be posted online, it will also be published in the Restorative Justice Week National Report.

Don Head
Commissioner





Honorary Patron:

The Hon. David C. Onley
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Lupus Foundation of Ontario

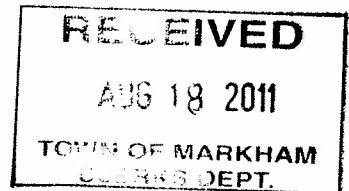
June 21, 2011

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Mayor & Council Members
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham ON L3R 9W3

Re: **"October is Lupus Awareness Month"**

Dear Mayor & Council Members:



Lupus Foundation of Ontario has been serving the citizens of Ontario for the past 35 years. During this time, we have noticed an alarming increase in the numbers of those seeking information for their health concerns. Many requests are from parents of young children and adolescents who have been positively diagnosed with systemic lupus.

We receive no funding from governmental sources and we have found that our public awareness campaigns are most efficient through our grass roots initiatives.

We would like to request that you:

- Read our Proclamation during a Council meeting to inform everyone in your community that lupus is a serious illness that, unfortunately, is still an unknown to many.
- Hold a flag-raising with our lupus flag. Any date or month would allow for visibility and recognition of the word 'lupus'.
- Place our Proclamation on your community website for those seeking a diagnosis and information about their symptoms.
- Sign and return the Proclamation to our office for display.

There are many Ontarians who have been diagnosed with lupus throughout our province. By reading our Proclamation during your meeting and by declaring **"October as Lupus Awareness Month"**, you will greatly assist our Foundation in educating all citizens that our Foundation exists and that help is just a telephone call away.

Your assistance with this awareness initiative will allow us to help others to help themselves. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Crowhurst



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Whereas, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

Whereas, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

Whereas, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

Whereas, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and the health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

Whereas, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that October 2011 is hereby designated as “**October is Lupus Awareness Month**” when lupus organizations around the world call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programmes for health professionals, patients and the public, and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

Dated

Signed

(To receive information about lupus, or to make a donation that will be used for much-needed research funding or public awareness initiatives, please contact **Lupus Foundation of Ontario** at 800-368-8377.)



Lupus Ontario

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Mayor and Council
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✉ admin@lupusontario.org
<http://www.lupusontario.org>

Dear Mr. Frank Scarpitti and Councilors

I am writing on behalf of Lupus Ontario, the largest volunteer organization in Canada that is dedicated to improving the lives of people living with lupus. We are asking that the Town of Markham declare the month of October as Lupus Awareness Month and hope that you will have the opportunity to also raise and fly our Lupus flag.

October is Lupus Awareness Month

Lupus remains under-recognized and under-funded

DECLARATION

- Whereas;** Lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and
- Whereas;** More than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over one hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and
- Whereas;** Medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and
- Whereas;** Many physicians are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and
- Whereas;** There is a deep, unmet need to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and
- Whereas;** Increased public awareness, education and research are key to winning the battle against lupus; and
- Whereas;** Lupus Ontario is a team of caring and enthusiastic volunteers and staff who are passionately committed to helping those with lupus live longer and better by raising funds that deliver vital support, education, awareness and research

Now, therefore, Let it be proclaimed that **October 2011** is **Lupus Awareness Month**

We appreciate your consideration.
Sincerely,

Julia Kane
President, Lupus Ontario



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Ontario Multifaith Council

July 25, 2011

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

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

The Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care (OMC) is a registered non-profit charitable organization representing a wide-range of Faith groups in the province of Ontario. The structure of our organization is comprised of 30 Faith groups on our governing board and 185 Regional Multifaith Committee members throughout Ontario.

OMC is mandated by the Ontario Government to promote and facilitate equal access to adequate and appropriate Spiritual Care and Religious rights for persons in government operated/funded institutions and organizations, in context with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

OMC initiates and organizes an annual celebration of Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week (SRCAW) which provides an opportunity to recognize the value of Spiritual and Religious Care providers of all Faiths who work in specialized settings such as, hospitals, long-term care facilities, mental health centre and correctional facilities.

We are asking that consideration be given for SRCAW to be proclaimed throughout the mosaic of Canada during the week of October 16-22 this year. In previous years, the City of Toronto, along with other cities in Ontario and other Provinces, has declared the week in support of this event. Spiritual and Religious care is observed throughout Canada regardless of age, social standing or political affiliation. We humbly request your office to proclaim the week of October 16-22, as Religious Care Awareness Week (SRCAW).

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It is our hope that your response to our request will be positive. If further information is required, we will be most pleased to respond.

Sincerely,

Imam Abdul Hai Patel,
President

Ontario Multifaith Council On Spiritual & Religious Care

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(When sending the Proclamation, request a copy of the action taken by the municipality along with an address to where it can be sent: names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for all elected or appointed municipal officials are found in the ONTARIO MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY, a copy of which should be in your local civic office or possibly the local library.)

SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE AWARENESS WEEK
Diverse Voices: Building Bridges
October 16 – 22, 2011

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS across the province of Ontario there is concern about the necessary and important place of spirituality in the provision of care in hospitals, long term care facilities, correctional settings, mental health centres and facilities for people with intellectual disabilities, AND

WHEREAS the need for and work of dedicated, qualified and competent spiritual and religious caregivers in society and particularly in our provincial institutions of care needs to be officially recognized and applauded, AND

WHEREAS the multicultural mosaic of Ontario demands diversity in the provision of spiritual and religious care and the protection of religious rights, this unique provincial phenomenon, having been recognized and provided for by the Ontario Multifaith Council, AND

WHEREAS throughout the province there will be a celebration of SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE AWARENESS WEEK during October 16 - 22, 2011.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the (name of municipality, e.g. City of Cornwall) join with other like-minded political jurisdictions in the Province of Ontario (or the name of the OMC region) and declare the week of October 16 - 22, 2011 as Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week and to support all local observances pertaining thereto.

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