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Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

We are requesting the The Corporation of the Town of Markham to consider proclaiming June, **Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month**, in your region to help raise awareness of these life long, complex conditions. Enclosed please find a sample proclamation for your convenience.

The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H), a registered charitable organization is proud of its 38 year history of delivering programs and services that improve the quality of life of children, youth and adults with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus through research, awareness, care and advocacy.

We are working to inform the public through our education campaigns.

Folic Acid It's Never Too Early, an important message for all women of child bearing age and women in high risk groups. SB&H promotes the benefits of folic acid in reducing the incidence of neural tube defects, such as spina bifida, by as much as 70%.

Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH) a neurological condition that affects adults 55 and older. This little known form of hydrocephalus is often misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's Disease. When NPH is detected early symptoms may be partially or fully reversed.

Thank you for considering this year's request.

Sincerely,

Joan Booth
Executive Director

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SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario serves people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families; and
- WHEREAS** Health Canada has proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS** the there are many people who are not aware of the Association or that it offers support, information and education programs and funds research to find ways to prevent and treat these conditions; and
- WHEREAS** the Association encourages all Ontarians to learn more about these conditions and to appreciate the challenges faced by individuals affected by them, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED

That the The Corporation of the Town of Markham hereby proclaims the month of June to be

SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

in the The Corporation of the Town of Markham and I urge all citizens to give full consideration and attention to the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario for their work on behalf of those with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families.

Signature

Date



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March 31, 2011

His Worship Mayor Frank Scarpitti
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Your Worship,

2011

I am writing on behalf of TESL Ontario (Teachers of English as a Second Language) to invite you to take part in our Ontario wide initiative and declare the week of October 23th to 29th, ~~2010~~²⁰¹¹ as "English as a Second Language Week" in your region. Given the diversity of your population, we hope you will grant us this request. In 2010 twenty-seven municipalities declared English as a Second Language Week.

For 38 years, TESL Ontario has held its Annual Conference to provide professional development for educators, administrators, students and volunteers who work with immigrants, refugees, citizens, and visitors, all who wish to improve their ability to communicate in English. This year, our 39th conference "Language Learning: A Focus on Success" will be held October 27th to 29th, 2011 and we will be honoured if representatives of your council can participate.

Last year's TESL Ontario conference attracted over 1600 registrants. Our members travel from across the province and beyond to attend workshops, research symposia, our technology fair and publishers' displays. For many of us, this annual journey to Toronto marks a time when we can share our experiences, expand our skills, and reaffirm the positive contribution that our province makes to diversity.

Having established a set of criteria to ensure measurable qualifications among ESL professionals, TESL Ontario, a non-profit organization, ensures that training institutions offering teacher training meet the highest standards. As we demand the best qualifications of our members, and the best in training from our teaching programs, we offer the best in second language education to our students, who in turn, contribute a wealth of knowledge and experience to our communities.

Attached, please find our suggested wording of the proclamation. Please contact our Executive Director, Renate Tilson at rtilson@teslontario.org if you require further information.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Sheila Nicholas
Chair

SUGGESTED WORDING OF PROCLAMATION

Ontario has been the destination of choice for many immigrants who have added to the diversity of the province by bringing their culture, customs and language, even as they endeavour to acquire the ability to communicate in English.

The community of English as a Second Language learners are represented in all aspects of society. They are students in elementary and secondary schools, universities, colleges, public and private schools, adult education students pursuing literacy and basic skills, participants in workplace-training programs, researchers and subjects, volunteers and workers, employees and business owners, labourers and professionals, neighbours and friends.

The professional organisation Teachers of English as a Second Language (TESL) Ontario hosts a conference in Toronto each year consisting of workshops, research symposia and a technology fair to maintain and expand the skills and abilities of its members.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, on behalf of The Corporation of the Town of Markham, do hereby proclaim October 27th to 29th, 2011 as "English as a Second Language Week" in The Town of Markham.

Hau, Lucy

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To: Scarpitti, Frank

Sent: Tue May 17 11:37:43 2011

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Dear Mr. Scarpitti

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Pancreatic cancer is a deadly disease, leaving behind too few survivors to champion their cause, thus others must be their voice.

Last November Pancreatic Cancer Canada launched their purple light campaign following the example in the U.S. It would be wonderful if Markham could support us in this venture as well.

Please let me know what additional information you need and how I can be of assistance in "turning purple into the new pink" next November in Markham.

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