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Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
The Corporation of the Town of Markham  
Anthony Roman Centre  
101 Town Centre Blvd.  
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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 37 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, their families and the public; and
- WHEREAS** Health Canada has proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS** 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 Corporation of the Town of Markham hereby proclaims the month of June to be

### **SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH**

in 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.

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Signature

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Date