



Spirit. Breakthrough & Hope

May 1, 2008

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
The Corporation of the Town of Markham
Anthony Roman Centre
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Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

In 2007, the The Corporation of the Town of Markham graciously proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. We would like to thank you for helping raise awareness of these life long, complex conditions.

The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H), a registered charity, has been making a positive difference in the lives of individuals affected by spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (sb/h) for over 35 years. Our programs and services respond to the unique needs and many challenges brought on by these serious, disabling conditions.

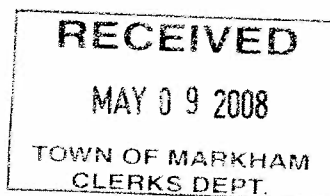
We are requesting that the The Corporation of the Town of Markham once again declare June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. We enclose a sample declaration for your convenience.

Again, thank you for making a difference through your proclamation and for considering this year's request.

Sincerely,

Joan Booth
Executive Director

Encl.



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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*** 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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April 25, 2008

Dear Mayor or Reeve:

I am writing to ask that you consider officially proclaiming June as Seniors' Month in your community.

Ontario has been celebrating Seniors' Month for more than 20 years now. Hundreds of communities throughout the province hold events to recognize the contributions of older adults and to promote active living and healthy lifestyle choices.

This year's theme for Seniors' Month is "Discover the Possibilities". Our goal is to encourage older adults to live life to the fullest and to continue to make their enormous contributions to their families, communities and province.

In the past, municipalities have reached out to older Ontarians by organizing local information fairs, celebrating seniors' achievements and by encouraging seniors to remain active and engaged. Seniors' Month is a good opportunity to put the spotlight on the local services and programs available in your community that help frail seniors live with dignity and as independently as possible.

For your convenience, a sample proclamation is enclosed for your consideration. Kindly advise us if you will be honouring seniors in your community this June. You can contact us by e-mail, at seniorsmonth@ontario.ca.

You can order your Seniors' Month posters (available this year in 19 languages) and other promotional materials through the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat website, at www.ontarioseniors.ca. Please let us know how you are planning to celebrate Seniors' Month in your community and we will advertise your event on our website.

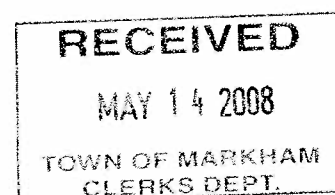
Thank you for your interest in Ontario seniors.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M. Aileen Carroll".

M. Aileen Carroll
Minister

Enclosure



Seniors' Month Proclamation

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Seniors' Month June 1 – 30, 2008

WHEREAS *Seniors' Month* is an annual nation-wide celebration;

WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

WHEREAS seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

I, Mayor _____, do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2008 **Seniors' Month** in _____ and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Dated in the Mayor's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Mayor