

September 7, 2007

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti,

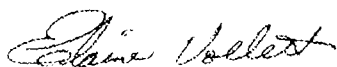
As we are about to enter a new season, a new leaf has turned and new challenges and successes await us. It is about time we realized that there is no age to dream, no boundaries to believe, no barriers too great when we as a community can come together for one cause – that being to include all individuals despite our differences. It is not enough just to tolerate one another, but to accept and embrace the things that make us who we are.

It is our mission here at The Centre for Dreams to integrate our members into society as they so rightly deserve, yet their struggles to “fit in” are still far too much a reality. This is why we would like to declare the Month of Inclusivity in October also the *Month of Dreams*. It only takes one person to speak, one to listen and one to respond – but with the whole community together, the possibilities are endless.

It is too easy to forget a cause that has no “cure,” and unfortunately this includes our members. With that said, it is our goal for the *Month of Dreams* a chance to bring awareness to individuals like our members and start making a change from knowing *of* them, to actually knowing them. More importantly, we want to celebrate diversity in its fullest meaning as dreams have no judgment, nor does it limit those who can have them. Dreams, great or small are significant because they are what inspire us everyday. We want October to be a reminder that while we all deserve to dream big things for ourselves, it is our members simple dream to be included as their reality.

Thank you for your continuous support and we hope that with your help, the Month of Inclusivity and the Month of Dreams can bring together a new meaning to acceptance.

With Warmest Regards,

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Elaine Vollett, O.M.C.
President

Minister
of Citizenship
and Immigration



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Ottawa, Canada K1A 1L1

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This year, Canada's Citizenship Week will be held October 15 - 21, 2007. Citizenship Week is a time to explore the nature of Canadian citizenship and the underlying values of respect, freedom and belonging that bring us together and make Canada such a great country to live in.

Celebrating Citizenship Week this year will be particularly significant as we are also celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Canadian citizenship. It was 60 years ago in 1947 that the first *Citizenship Act* came into effect. As well, Canadian Citizenship Week is also celebrating its 20th anniversary. National Citizenship Week, as it was originally called, was launched in 1987 as a celebration of the 40th anniversary of Canadian citizenship.

I hope that your municipality will join the celebration by recognizing this important week. We are encouraging municipalities to become involved by passing a resolution proclaiming Canada's Citizenship Week. A sample resolution is enclosed for your reference.

You may also want to lead your council in a reaffirmation of Canadian citizenship by reciting the Oath of Citizenship. A copy of the Oath is enclosed.

I am sure that as a municipal official, you will agree that all citizens should be encouraged to take part in community activities. It is particularly important for young people to become actively engaged in citizenship activities.

Thank you for your assistance, and enjoy Canada's Citizenship Week!

Yours sincerely,

The Hon. Diane Finley, P.C., M.P.

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Proclamation
Canada's Citizenship Week
October 15-21, 2007

WHEREAS: Canada's Citizenship Week will be held from October 15 to 21, 2007;

AND WHEREAS: Canada's Citizenship Week provides an opportunity to reflect on the value of citizenship and immigration and to focus on the privileges, rights, responsibilities and obligations of citizenship;

AND WHEREAS: New Canadians bring a strong sense of commitment to their new home, make many valuable contributions to Canada and play an important role in our economic strength and cultural diversity;

AND WHEREAS: The themes and values of Canadian citizenship reinforce an important message for all Canadians—that newcomers are welcome in Canada and that we all belong;

AND WHEREAS: All Canadians, old and new, can join together in reaffirming their commitment to Canada;

THEREFORE: I (Mayor) do hereby proclaim the week of October 15–21, 2007, as "Canada's Citizenship Week" in the (City/Town) of _____.

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Our file Notre référence

It is with great pleasure that I call upon all mayors, reeves, councillors and community leaders from across Canada to proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2007. 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 2007 will be held within Canada and throughout the world from November 18-25. This year's theme, "**Facing the Questions**", focuses on sharing best practices and lessons learned from those who are involved in restorative justice. In the past, a growing number of communities have responded to this challenge. In 2005, for example, 111 towns and cities across Canada proclaimed Restorative Justice Week.

Here are some suggested steps you can take as leaders in your community:

- Declare/proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2007. **Please visit www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/portals/rj/index_e.shtml for a printable proclamation form.**
- Host a town hall meeting to promote awareness of restorative justice in your community.
- To help nurture the healing process, promote open, respectful dialogue regarding issues such as public safety and the effects of conflict in your community.
- Challenge your community partners to create a local planning committee for Restorative Justice Week 2007 activities.
- Invite a guest speaker from your community who is involved in restorative justice to share his or her perspective. Speakers are available through CSC's Chaplaincy/Restorative Justice Branch at: **RestorativeJustice@csc-scc.gc.ca**

Municipal participation in previous years has been a great success and we are hoping to build on that this year. If your city, town or village is planning an event or proclaiming Restorative Justice Week 2007, please fax a copy of the proclamation with your contact information to Carol-Anne Grenier at (613) 943-2171. Your participation in this initiative will be recognized in our national report.

I hope that you will support this initiative in your community.

Sincerely,

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Keith Coulter

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