

March 14, 2007



Mayor Frank Scarpetti
City of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpetti:

Re: National Day of Mourning

Since 1991, April 28th has been recognized nationally as the Day of Mourning.

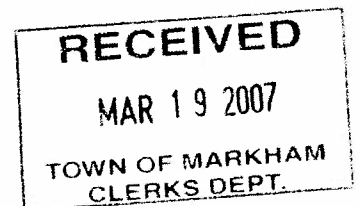
I am writing to ask that the City of Markham commemorate this National Day. The Labour Council is requesting that the Town:

1. Officially proclaim Saturday, April 28th as a "Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job".
2. Publicize the proclamation as widely as possible.
3. Lower the City's flags to half-mast.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Cartwright".

John Cartwright
President



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Société Parkinson Canada

Charitable Business Number 10809 1786 RR0001

Central & Northern Ontario Region

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
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Toll Free: 1-800-565-3000 www.parkinson.ca

March 6, 2007

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

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

On behalf of the 100,000 Canadians living with Parkinson's disease, I am requesting your help in raising awareness about this debilitating disease by declaring the month of April as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in Markham. 

Throughout the month of April, Parkinson Society Canada's Central Northern Ontario Region will be fundraising and presenting educational campaigns in communities across Ontario. This will encourage people to become informed and involved in helping to ease the burden and find a cure for Parkinson's disease.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic and progressive neurodegenerative illness that slowly but dramatically robs people of their independence over time. For most affected, their minds remain sharp while they endure an ever-changing combination of tremors, slowness, stiffness, balance problems, speech problems, rigid muscles, and pain. Many have difficulty walking, talking, and/or swallowing. Parkinson's Society Canada is a national organization that helps to ease the burden and find a cure through research, education, advocacy and support services to improve the quality of life for those affected by Parkinson's disease.

Thank you for considering our request to proclaim April as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month." For any further information regarding this proposal or any of the events taking place in your area, please contact Karen Dowell at 1-800-565-3000 ext.3376.

Yours truly,

Karen Dowell
Community Resources Coordinator

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

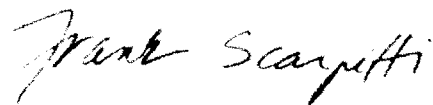
"April is Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month"

- WHEREAS:** Parkinson Society Canada is celebrating over 40 years as the national organization that helps to ease the burden and find a cure through research, education, advocacy and support services to improve the quality of life for those affected by Parkinson's disease.
- WHEREAS:** Nearly 100,000 Canadians, and 6.3 million people world-wide, have Parkinson's disease today.
- WHEREAS:** There is no way to predict or prevent Parkinson's disease. It strikes randomly – affecting all genders, races, socio-economic groups and lifestyles. Parkinson's disease is a chronic and progressive neurodegenerative illness that slowly but dramatically robs people of their independence over time. For most affected, their minds remain sharp while they endure an ever-changing combination of tremors, slowness, stiffness, balance problems, speech problems, rigid muscles, and pain. Many have difficulty walking, talking, and/or swallowing.
- WHEREAS:** Canadians with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers rely on Parkinson Society Canada to provide them with information, resources and support groups to help better manage the physical and psychological effects of this debilitating disease.
- WHEREAS:** Through our partnerships with our twelve regional partners, health care professionals, research associations, and volunteers, Parkinson Society Canada touches every community across the country.
- WHEREAS:** Parkinson Society Canada has funded almost \$11.5 million dollars in research grants in its quest to find better treatment, and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease.
- NOW THEREFORE:** I, **Frank Scarpitti**, Mayor of the **Town of Markham**, do hereby proclaim **April 2007** as **"Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month"** and encourage everyone to support Parkinson Society Canada during its Spring Campaign.

National Volunteer Week

Proclamation declaring April 15 to April 21, 2007

- Whereas** 11.8 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing almost two billion volunteer hours per year; and
- Whereas** volunteers in the Town of Markham mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and
- Whereas** the Town of Markham's volunteers are young, old, families, workers, retirees, men and women of all ages and backgrounds; and
- Whereas** the collective result of the work done by our city's volunteers is that the Town of Markham is a more desirable place to live; and
- Whereas** organizations in the Town of Markham that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations as the community's minor sports, schools, churches, care facilities, animal welfare, cultural events, outreach programs, service clubs, environmental programs as well as the many festivals and community events; and
- Whereas** volunteers play a critical role in serving on Committees, Boards of Directors and Business Associations, etc.; NOW,
- THEREFORE** I, Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of the Town of Markham do hereby proclaim April 15-21, 2007, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.



Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Town of Markham

Français

Explanatory Note

CHAPTER 10

An Act to proclaim the month of May as Asian Heritage Month

Assented to June 13, 2005

Preamble

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Asia is the largest continent in the world both in terms of size and population. It includes people from many regions such as East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia and Southeastern Asia.

People from these regions who have immigrated here over the past 100 years and longer have significantly contributed in the settlement, growth and development of our province. Specifically, Asians have helped to shape Ontario culturally, economically and politically.

It is appropriate to recognize and pay tribute to the contributions that Asians have made and continue to make to the development and general welfare of Ontario.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Asian Heritage Month

1. The month of May in each year is proclaimed as Asian Heritage Month.

Commencement

2. This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

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1st SESSION, 38th LEGISLATURE, ONTARIO
54 ELIZABETH II, 2005

Bill 113

*(Chapter 10
Statutes of Ontario, 2005)*

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Asian Heritage Month**

Mr. Wong

1st Reading	June 23, 2004
2nd Reading	February 17, 2005
3rd Reading	June 13, 2005
Royal Assent	June 13, 2005

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Projet de loi 113

*(Chapitre 10
Lois de l'Ontario de 2005)*

**Loi proclamant
le mois de mai
Mois du patrimoine asiatique**

M. Wong

1 ^{re} lecture	23 juin 2004
2 ^e lecture	17 février 2005
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Sanction royale	13 juin 2005

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Explanatory Note was written as a reader's aid to Bill 113 and does not form part of the law. Bill 113 has been enacted as Chapter 10 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2005.

The Bill proclaims the month of May as Asian Heritage Month.

**Loi proclamant
le mois de mai
Mois du patrimoine asiatique**

Préambule

La diversité fait la force de l'Ontario et des immigrants originaires de nombreux pays asiatiques ont choisi de venir s'établir dans notre chère province.

L'Asie est le plus grand continent du monde tant sur le plan physique que démographique. Ses habitants peuplent de nombreuses régions dont l'Asie de l'Est, l'Asie du Sud, l'Asie centrale et l'Asie du Sud-Est.

Ceux et celles qui ont immigré ici depuis plus d'un siècle ont grandement contribué au peuplement, à l'essor et au développement de notre province. En particulier, les Asiatiques ont aidé à façonner la société ontarienne sur les plans culturel, économique et politique.

Il convient de reconnaître l'apport passé et présent des Asiatiques au développement et au bien-être général de l'Ontario et de leur rendre hommage.

Pour ces motifs, Sa Majesté, sur l'avis et avec le consentement de l'Assemblée législative de la province de l'Ontario, édicte :

Mois du patrimoine asiatique

1. Le mois de mai de chaque année est proclamé Mois du patrimoine asiatique.

Entrée en vigueur

2. La présente loi entre en vigueur le jour où elle reçoit la sanction royale.

Titre abrégé

3. Le titre abrégé de la présente loi est *Loi de 2005 sur le patrimoine asiatique*.

NOTE EXPLICATIVE

La note explicative, rédigée à titre de service aux lecteurs du projet de loi 113, ne fait pas partie de la loi. Le projet de loi 113 a été édicté et constitue maintenant le chapitre 10 des Lois de l'Ontario de 2005.

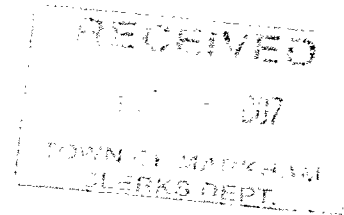
Le projet de loi proclame le mois de mai Mois du patrimoine asiatique.

Richmond Hill Fibromyalgia-Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Wellness Support Group

In Collaboration with FM-CFS Association of Canada
Charitable registration #89241-7742-RR0001 www.fm-cfs.ca

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Town Councillors,
Town of Markham

March 5th, 2007



RE: Request for Proclamation

Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

Thank you for your Council's support in 2006 in proclaiming May 12th National Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Day. To assist our local Support Groups and the tens of thousands of sufferers across our Region, we are once again asking for your moral support and a proclamation in 2007.

Background

As we wrote to you last year, Fibromyalgia (FM) and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) continue to afflict **over 1 million Canadians**¹, with some estimates as high as 1.5 million. Based on population, this means there are at least 25,000 afflicted in York Region, perhaps as high as **30,000 sufferers or more**, right here in our community.

FM and CFS (also called Myalgic Encephalomyelitis or ME) are 'invisible illnesses' causing chronic pain, cognitive impairment; they are debilitating for the sufferers, devastating for their families, employers and communities. The young, old and all ethnicities are afflicted, more women than men—about 4:5—which means mothers and their children suffer the consequences of these cruel, relentless diseases.

FM-CFS patients are frequently un- or misdiagnosed, there is no known cause, no cure, and only marginal treatments with serious, life-threatening side effects. And these agonizing illnesses also create **an enormous financial burden**.

Financial and social costs

Annual federal costs, which of course download to each and every one of us, are estimated conservatively at **\$ 3.5 Billion**²:

- ▶ \$ 2 Billion spent on disability payments and lost taxes
- ▶ \$ 1.5 Billion spent on medications and physicians' expenses

Incremental costs to healthcare from hospital visits and extended stays—and the strain

that puts on hospitals like York Central, Markham Stouffville and Southlake Regional Health Centre—are incalculable. As are the costs to:

- **local and regional employers** in lost-time and talent, and insurance expense
- **provincial and municipal taxpayers** for increased demand on social services
- **patients and their families** for bankruptcies, lost income, savings and investments; non-reimbursed expenses for medications and therapies; legal expenses incurred seeking fair treatment; and, most critically,
- **burdened, desperate patients and families—many with kids—who break down under the unrelenting stress of illness, creating a human cost that is immeasurable.**

How we can help: Our request

Our group, and many others across Canada and around the world, seeks to promote awareness of FM-CFS, educate the public about the illnesses, motivate actions necessary to find a cure, and better support sufferers. In support of these goals, we request and encourage you and the Town Council to once again proclaim:

May 12th, 2007: “National Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day”

With your continued support, we will sustain and expand our efforts to support FM-CFS sufferers in our communities. We will seek medical answers, motivate healthcare, legislative and legal change, and fight these diseases that devastate so many lives.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

On behalf of Richmond Hill FM-CFS Wellness Support Group,

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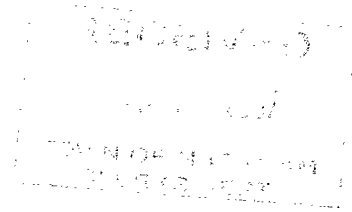
¹ National ME/FM Action Network: StatsCan Community Health Survey & White KP, Speechley M, Harth M, Ostbye T. The London fibromyalgia epidemiology study: the prevalence of fibromyalgia syndrome in London, Ontario. *Journal of Rheumatology* 26(7):15700-1576, 1999.
http://www.mefinaction.net/Patients/Disability/IllnessCost/tabid/157/Default.aspx#_edn2

² FM-CFS Association of Canada: FM & CFS/ME in Canada 2007. <http://www.fm-cfs.ca/1-FM-CFS-Ca.pdf>



March 5, 2007

His Worship, Mayor W. Frank Scarpitti
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3



Honorable Mayor W. Frank Scarpitti:

The Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign is aimed at bringing awareness to the community regarding the issue of missing children and how one can safeguard their child from predators, on-line or in the streets, which seek to harm their love ones. In the year 2005, **66,548 cases of missing children** were reported to the RCMP National Missing Children Services, of which **22,503** were recorded here in the Province of Ontario alone.

This year marks the Child Find Ontario's **16th Annual Green Ribbon of Hope™ Campaign** during the month of May. We are seeking the support of you and your council members to assist us in bringing this message to your constituency and supporting our **16th Annual Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign** during the month of May, including National Missing Children's Day on May 25th, 2007.

The concept of the Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign was developed by the students of Holy Cross Secondary School in St. Catharines and is a result of the abduction and subsequent murder of 15-year-old Kristen French on April 16, 1992. The Green Ribbon is now a symbol of recognition for the many children who go missing every year. The colour green embodies a sign of hope for those children who have gone missing.

Child Find Ontario Inc. is a registered non-profit, charitable children's organization whose mandate is to assist searching parents and law enforcement agencies in the search for missing children and teenagers and to educate children and adults about safe guarding their children from the unthinkable. Since 1984, we have been working for the safe return of missing children and educating families and communities about child safety.

In honor of all searching parents we would ask that your leadership play a key role in promoting the safe return of all missing children by granting this issue the support of your office and elected colleagues during our **16th Annual Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign**. Enclosed are sample proclamations for the **Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign** and National Missing Children's Day on the 25th of May, for which we encourage you to recognize and lend your support. We would also be pleased to provide you free of charge Green Ribbons to wear and fliers to post during the month of May in support of the safe return of all missing children. Just complete the attached order form and fax it back to me at (905) 712-3462.

Provincial Head Office

440A Britannia Rd. E. Mississauga, Ontario Canada L4Z 1X9
Tel: 905-712-3463 Fax: 905-712-3462 Toll Free: 1-800-KID-TIPS (543-8477)
National Toll Free: 1-800-387-7962 • E-mail: mail@childfindontario.ca • www.ontario.childfind.ca



of missing children to the forefront. For further information on Child Find Ontario or the Green Ribbon of Hope Campaign, please visit our website at www.ontario.childfind.ca or contact us at 1- 866-KID-TIPS (543-8477). Our Provincial Office mailing address is 440A Britannia Road East, Mississauga, Ontario, L4Z 1X9

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Durant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John Durant
Associate Executive Director



May 2007
16th Annual Green Ribbon of Hope™ Campaign

Order Form

Package Request	Quantity Ordered	Quantity Shipped
Bags of 100 Pre-cut & pinned Green Ribbon – <i>No Charge</i>		
Rolls of 100 Green Ribbon Stickers – <i>No Charge</i> (Available in French and English)		
Collection Boxes – <i>No Charge</i> (Complete with tray to hold Stickers or Ribbons)		
Green Ribbon Posters - 13" x 22" – <i>No Charge</i> (Available in French and English)		
Green Ribbon Fliers - 8½" x 11" – <i>No Charge</i> (Available in French and English)		
Green Ribbon "Spirit of Hope" Wrist Band * \$2.00 each		

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YES, We would like to raise funds to help reduce the incidence of missing children

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

MUNICIPALITY: _____

CONTACT PERSON/TITLE: _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE # () _____ FAX # () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

To receive your order before May, please reply by fax before April 1st

Please fax this sheet to 905-712-3462 or email me at john@childfindontario.ca. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 905-712-FIND (3463) or 1-800-543-8477

Child Find Ontario, 440A Britannia Rd. E, Mississauga, ON, L4Z 1X9



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Proclamation

National Missing Children's Day May 25th 2007

- WHEREAS** over 66,000 children were reported missing last year in Canada and thousands more are the victims of exploitation; and
- WHEREAS** children and families in Ontario are victims of this tragedy; and
- WHEREAS** increased awareness of the problem is needed to help reduce the incidence of missing children and teenagers, as well as to help locate missing children; and
- WHEREAS** this a community issue, not just a family one; and
- WHEREAS** remember that "Some things can't be replaced"; and
- WHEREAS** this month is set aside to rekindle new hope in the search for all missing children; and
- WHEREAS** this month also supports National Missing Children's Day on May 25th;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT I,

**DO HEREBY PROCLAIM that May 25th 2007 is National
Missing Children's Day**

MISSING CHILDREN'S MONTH IN [MUNICIPALITY]

and join Child Find Ontario and all law enforcement agencies in urging citizens in Ontario to remain vigilant in our common desire to protect and nurture the youth of Ontario.



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MISSING CHILDREN'S MONTH IN [MUNICIPALITY]

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