



March 26, 2007

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Municipality of Markham  
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Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

This year, Naturopathic Medicine Week (NMW) is April 28 to May 6, 2007. Hundreds of naturopathic doctors (NDs) across Canada will be opening their office doors or going into their communities to inform and educate people on the benefits of naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic Medicine Week 2007 establishes naturopathic medicine as a distinct system of primary care that addresses the root cause of illness or disease and promotes health and healing using natural therapies.

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors and the Ontario Association of Naturopathic Doctors, I am writing to request that Mayor, Frank Scarpitti, proclaim April 28 to May 6, 2007 to be Naturopathic Medicine Week. This is an annual, national event occurring in municipalities across the country.

Naturopathic doctors are highly educated primary care providers who integrate standard medical diagnostics with a broad range of natural therapies. Treating a broad range of conditions ranging from common ailments such as cold and flu, food allergies, chronic fatigue, and childhood illnesses, to chronic degenerative conditions such as arthritis, asthma, heart, immune system, digestive and bowel conditions, naturopathic medicine is an integral part of Ontario's healthcare system. Naturopathic Medicine Week helps to raise the profile of this growing profession. This year's theme for NMW is "The Building Blocks of Health".

In Ontario, naturopathic doctors have been practicing for 82 years and today we have 1321 NDs practicing across Canada, about two-thirds of whom practice in Ontario.

On behalf of the tens of thousands of patients in Ontario who see an ND for their primary healthcare, and particularly the individuals in your community, I would very much appreciate you taking the time to proclaim this year's event. A draft proclamation is attached. Please send a confirmation of the proclamation to Ronda Parkes, Program Manager, Marketing and Publications, by email; [ronda@oand.org](mailto:ronda@oand.org) or to her attention at the address below. A poster celebrating Naturopathic Medicine Week will follow the proclamation.

Sincerely,

Ruth Anne Baron ND,  
Chair, Board of Directors

**SAMPLE PROCLAMATION  
NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK  
April 28 – May 6, 2007**

- WHEREAS: Naturopathic medicine is a distinct system of primary care that addresses the root cause of illness or disease and promotes health and healing using natural therapies. Naturopathic doctors are highly educated primary care providers who integrate standard medical diagnostics with a broad range of natural therapies; and
- WHEREAS: Naturopathic doctors across Canada will be opening their office doors or going into their communities to inform and educate people on the benefits of naturopathic medicine; and
- WHEREAS: A significant number of residents of Ontario are turning to naturopathic doctors for valid, science-based complementary healthcare.
- NOW, THEREFORE: I \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim April 28 to May 6, 2007 as "Naturopathic Medicine Week in the City of (your city's name)."

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March 2007

Dear Mayor (or Reeve),

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

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

The theme this year is **Active Living: Share Your Experience**. Our goal is to encourage older adults to become involved in programs so that their wisdom and experience might benefit others.

In the past, communities have reached out to older Ontarians by organizing local information fairs, celebrating seniors' achievements, providing information, 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 to help frail seniors live with dignity, and as independently as possible.

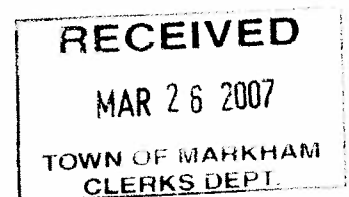
For your convenience, a sample proclamation is enclosed for your consideration. Please let us know if you will be honouring seniors in your community this June with a local proclamation. You can contact us by email at [seniorsmonth@ontario.ca](mailto:seniorsmonth@ontario.ca).

We will be sending promotional materials soon. Please let us know what you are planning and we will post your event information on the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat website found at [www.ontarioseniors.ca](http://www.ontarioseniors.ca).

Sincerely,

Jim Bradley  
Minister

Enclosure



## **Seniors' Month Proclamation**

**Seniors' Month  
June 1 – 30, 2007**

**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, 2007 **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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Mayor