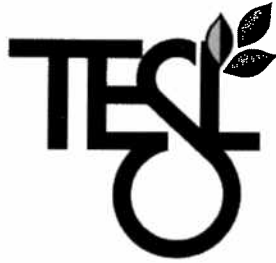


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January 26, 2009

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

Your Worship,

I am writing on behalf of TESL Ontario (Teachers of English as a Second Language) to invite you to take part in our Ontario wide initiative and declare the week of December 6 – 12, 2009 English as a Second Language Week in your region. Given the diversity of your population, we hope you will grant us this request. In 2008 twenty two municipalities declared English as a Second Language Week.

For 36 years, TESL Ontario has held its Annual Conference to provide professional development for educators, administrators, students and volunteers who work with immigrants, refugees, citizens, and visitors, all who wish to improve their ability to communicate in English. This year, our conference 'Language for a Changing World' will be held **December 10 – 12, 2009** and we will be honoured if representatives of your council can participate.

Last year's TESL Ontario conference attracted 1600 registrants. Our members travel from across the province and beyond to attend workshops, research symposia, our technology fair and publishers' displays. For many of us, this annual journey to Toronto marks a time when we can share our experiences, expand our skills, and reaffirm the positive contribution that our province makes to diversity.

Having established a set of criteria to ensure measurable qualifications among ESL professionals, TESL Ontario, a non-profit organization, ensures that training institutions offering teacher training meet the highest standards. As we demand the best qualifications of our members, and the best in training from our teaching programs, we offer the best in second language education to our students, who in turn, contribute a wealth of knowledge and experience to our communities.

Attached, please find our suggested wording of the proclamation. If you have any suggestions or comments as to the content of this document, please contact our Executive Director, Renate Tilson at 416-593-4243 ext. 4.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sheila Carson'.

Sheila Carson  
Chair

## **SUGGESTED WORDING OF PROCLAMATION**

Ontario has been the destination of choice for many immigrants who have added to the diversity of the province by bringing their culture, customs and language, even as they endeavour to acquire the ability to communicate in English.

The community of English as a Second Language learners are represented in all aspects of society. They are students in elementary and secondary schools, universities, colleges, public and private schools, adult education students pursuing literacy and basic skills, participants in workplace-training programs, researchers and subjects, volunteers and workers, employees and business owners, labourers and professionals, neighbours and friends.

The professional organisation Teachers of English as a Second Language (TESL) Ontario hosts a conference in Toronto each year consisting of workshops, research symposia and a technology fair to maintain and expand the skills and abilities of its members.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, on behalf of Markham Town Council, do hereby proclaim December 6 – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as “English as a Second Language Week” in the Town of Markham.

## **Markham Federation of Filipino Canadians**

18 Highgate Drive, Markham, On. L3R 3R6

February 4, 2009

The Town Council  
Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor & Council:

For the past 20 years, Council has graciously granted our request to have Philippine Week declared in the town to coincide with the Philippine Independence day celebration. Our organization is, once again, requesting Council to proclaim June 7th through to the 14th, 2009 as Philippine Week in the Town of Markham.

With Council's permission, we would also like to hold a ceremony to jointly raise the Canadian and Philippine flags on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in the Town Centre's square. It is also our hope that the Philippine Flag is raised for the duration of the week.

We would be pleased if you and members of Council join us at this celebratory event, on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 11:00 am.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours Truly

  
Yoly Ladines

Chair MFFC Independence Day event.

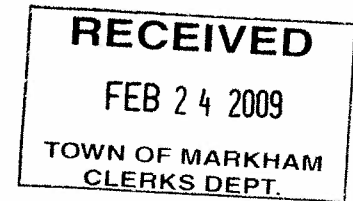


Canadian Red Cross

Croix-Rouge canadienne

February 10, 2009

The Town of Markham  
Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON L7B 1A1



Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti,

When a community is in crisis, responding to the immediate needs of people takes top priority. This response effort can quickly deplete a community's human and financial resources.

In recent years, disasters have driven more than four million Canadians from their homes and caused billions of dollars in damage. Thanks to the generosity of Canadians, the Red Cross was able to respond to thousands of disasters in Canada last year - from house fires to tornadoes and floods.


March is Red Cross Month and each year, the Canadian Red Cross runs a public awareness campaign to increase public awareness and gain support for our programs and services.

As The Canadian Red Cross Society this year celebrates 100 years as a National Organization, I would like to request your support for our campaign through an official proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month. I have attached a template proclamation for your review and Beverly Verwey, Disaster Management Coordinator will contact you by February 6 to answer any questions you may have.

We would also like to request that the Town of Markham make this proclamation in conjunction with a flag raising ceremony. If you require a new Red Cross flag to be flown for the month of March on a Town of Markham flag post please contact Beverly Verwey. Also contact her if you would like a Red Cross Representative to attend this flag-raising ceremony.

Thank you in advance for your support. Beverly would be pleased to provide you with more information or discuss the proclamation with you in person. Beverly can be reached at 905-830-9565 or 1-800-361-9448 ext. 223.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry Chwang  
Branch President



# March is Red Cross Month 2009

## *Proclamation*

**Whereas**, the Canadian Red Cross Society has been engaged in preventing and alleviating human suffering across Canada and around the world, and

**Whereas**, the Canadian Red Cross Society has helped thousands of Canadians through its Disaster Relief and Community Services, including our own citizens of the **Town of Markham**, and

**Whereas**, the Canadian Red Cross Society is a reflection of the Canadian spirit of generosity, caring and selflessness,

**Therefore**, I, **Mayor Frank Scarpitti of the Town of Markham** hereby proclaim March 2009 as Red Cross Month here in the **Town of Markham**. I also urge all residents of the **Town of Markham** to support the Canadian Red Cross Society and our community by regularly volunteering their time or by financially supporting Red Cross programs, across the world and across the street.

**In witness whereof**, I have herewith set my hand and caused the great seal of the **Town of Markham** to be affixed.