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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 2009, your neighbours in the City of Vaughan experienced a disaster where hundreds of residents were evacuated from their homes and caused damage to a number of communities in Vaughan. Thanks to the generosity of Canadians, the Red Cross was able to respond to the response in Vaughan as well as other disasters in Canada last year.

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.

I would like to request your support through an official proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month. I have enclosed the 2010 template proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month for your review. You may contact Beverly Verwey, Disaster Management Coordinator with 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. 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



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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 2010 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.