

Town of Markham

Proclamation for Emergency Preparedness Week 2010

WHEREAS our Town of Markham does recognize the importance of Emergency Management in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the goal of Emergency Preparedness Week is to raise community awareness and the need to prepare for the possibility of an emergency; and

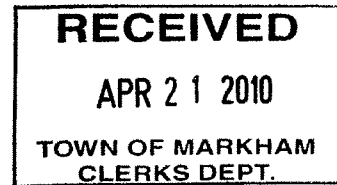
WHEREAS the safety of our community is the responsibility of each and every one of us we must prepare now and learn how to secure a strong and healthy tomorrow.

THEREFORE I, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2 to 8, 2010, to be EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM and encourage all citizens to visit our Civic Centre Great Hall, our local libraries and the Town website for information and educational resources focused on emergency preparedness during this week.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Mayor/Head of Council

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April 2, 2010

Kimberley Kitteringham, Town Clerk
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inc.**®

Inspiring all girls to
be strong, smart
and boldSM

**RE: PROCLAMATION OF GIRLS RIGHTS WEEK,
MAY 3 TO MAY 7, 2010**

Dear Ms. Kitteringham,

York Region is one of the fastest growing and most diverse regions in Canada and provides some of the most wonderful opportunities for community leaders to celebrate the protection of equality within their constituencies.

Girls Incorporated® of York Region (GIYR) is a non-profit youth organization that is dedicated to empowering girls and young women to seek the highest quality of life possible. The programs that we offer are designed to help girls develop to the fullest of their capacities in all areas of life. We actively strive to enhance confidence and self-esteem in girls and young women, while giving them the skills and tools they need in order to be empowered, productive and contributing members of society.

We are writing to request participation and leadership from the Town Of Markham through the proclamation of ***Girl's Rights Week*** in Markham, May 3rd through May 7th, 2010. Your proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of all girls and women living in York Region.

Girls require and deserve the awareness, attention, and commitment of a wide range of individuals and organizations to promote their healthy development. We thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyn Thompson-Alcock".

Lyn Thompson-Alcock
Executive Director



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women's support network
of york region

**Request for Proclamation by 9 Municipalities of York Region re:
"Sexual Assault Prevention Month"**

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Members of Council, Town of Markham,

Women's Support Network of York Region is the sexual assault/rape crisis centre serving all of York Region. WSN is a non-profit organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Services are offered by professionally trained staff as well as a core group of approximately sixty-five trained volunteers. All services are free. Programs and services include:

- 24-hour, toll-free, anonymous and confidential crisis line (1-800-263-6734)
- Individual crisis counseling, as well as longer-term counseling.
- Public Education and Outreach Program, including presentations to high schools, community groups and organizations covering issues such as, sexual assault, acquaintance sexual assault, drug-facilitated sexual assault, sexual harassment, healthy relationships and empowerment.
- Balanced Beginnings Program, delivered in elementary schools to grades 7 and 8 boys and girls, combining physical activities with educational/preventative content. Participating students learn how to be effective communicators, inclusive leaders, understanding the difference between healthy and unhealthy dating relationships and the meaning of "no, means no".

May is "Sexual Assault Prevention Month" in Ontario. To acknowledge this important designation, the Women's Support Network of York Region is organizing our 3rd annual, region-wide initiative to provide public education and raise awareness of the issues of sexual violence in our communities, throughout the month of May.

With support and participation from various partners and individual community members, Women's Support Network of York Region will be ending the campaign with a walk across York Region, the first weekend of June 2010 (coinciding with "Sexual Harassment Awareness Week"). This Year's Walk is themed "Walk for Safe and Healthy Communities...Ending Sexual Violence, One Step at a Time". Participants are encouraged to take part in as much or as little of the walk as they can and are asked to collect pledges from sponsors for their efforts. For those who are unable to participate in the June weekend walk, there is the option of documenting 60km of walking either individually or amongst team members, throughout the month of May. A walker's

information/registration package is available with further details, for those interested in participating.

We are walking for lives free from violence. This walk continues to be about bringing awareness in positive, inclusive and encouraging ways. We are walking for positive change. We are once again, 'walking our talk'.

Please contact us to learn more about how you, you organization and/or your business can play a part in building safe and healthy communities for everyone.

Monetary donations can be made to the Women's Support Network of York Region by sending a cheque or donating online at: www.canadahelps.org

Donations go directly to servicing women and girls who are survivors of sexual violence and supporting our mandate of eradicating sexualized violence from our community, for example:

\$1400 provides a woman with counselling for one year.

\$4030 provides for the delivery of 31 public education presentations in York Region schools, and the broader community.

\$140.00 provides for the delivery of a workshop/seminar to a group.

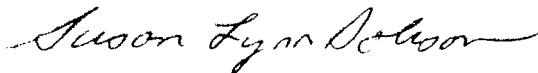
Any support you are able to provide is greatly appreciated.

In 2009, 7 of the 9 municipalities in York Region proclaimed May as "Sexual Assault Prevention Month". Once again, in 2010, we are asking all 9 municipalities in York Region to show their support by partnering with Women's Support Network to send a clear message across the region that sexual violence is a serious issue that we as a society do not condone.

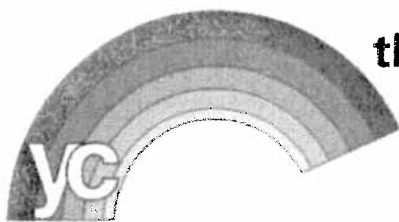
We need ongoing support from all levels of government, and society as a whole, to help raise and increase *awareness of the issue* of sexual violence, in the hope of fostering *change in the behaviour*, of society.

Will the Mayor and Members of Council proclaim May 2010 to be "Sexual Assault Prevention Month" in the Town of Markham?

Sincerely,



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April 6, 2010

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Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

On behalf of the 3 children's mental health agencies which provide services in York Region (Blue Hills Child & Family Centre, Kinark Child & Family Services and The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families), I am writing to request that you proclaim May 2-9, 2010 as "*Children's Mental Health Week*" in the Town of Markham.

One in 5 children experiences mental health problems. Treatment is effective, however, frequently these problems are not diagnosed or treated and they may become more serious. Through a variety of activities which are scheduled for Children's Mental Health Week, we are striving to achieve the following four goals:

- Promoting/maintaining good mental health.
- Increasing public awareness of children's mental health issues and dispelling the associated stigma.
- Encouraging parents to seek help.
- Providing contact information for children's mental health services in York Region.

We ask that you support us in our quest for optimal mental health for all children by making a proclamation and including the following contact information:

- Blue Hills Child & Family Centre: 1-866-536-7608
- Kinark Child & Family Services: info@kinark.on.ca
- The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families: 905-887-5896

"Healthy Minds, Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities"

If you require additional information, please contact me at 905-851-1672.

Yours truly,

Noreen Lee, Chairperson
The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families



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