

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Committee of the Whole (2)**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, December 05, 2023

**TITLE: SUPPORTING VAUGHAN'S SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY**

**FROM:**

Mayor Steven Del Duca

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**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan is home to an active and engaged Vietnamese Canadian community dedicated to enriching the overall quality of life for all residents; and

**Whereas**, non-profits like the Golden Age Village for the Elderly (GAVE) are, a critical community pillar that was established to address culturally specific senior housing and long-term care facility crises faced by the Vietnamese Canadian community in Ontario; and

**Whereas**, the leadership and members of the Vietnamese Association of Vaughan dedicate their time, talent and energy to raising awareness about Vietnam's history, culture and identity; and

**Whereas**, previously, Vaughan Council has proclaimed April 30 Journey to Freedom Day and has raised the Heritage and Freedom Flag of South Vietnam outside Vaughan City Hall in recognition; and

**Whereas**, other municipalities such as Brampton and Mississauga recognize Journey to Freedom Day by raising the Heritage and Freedom Flag of South Vietnam as a standalone flag; and

**Whereas**, April 30 commemorates the great sacrifices made to find freedom and democracy after the fall of Saigon in April 1975; and

**Whereas**, Journey to Freedom Day is an opportunity to remember the lives lost in the Vietnam War and acknowledge the critical role played by Canada in welcoming Vietnamese refugees.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That on an annual basis, the City of Vaughan proclaims April 30 Journey to Freedom Day; and
2. That notwithstanding the City of Vaughan's *Flag Protocol Corporate Policy* (03.C.11), the Heritage and Freedom Flag of South Vietnam be raised annually on April 30 outside Vaughan City Hall in recognition, as a standalone flag on a City flagpole.

**Financial and Staff Resource Impact**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A