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City of Vaughan 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr. Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Since 2010, September 25th has been designated as the official Franco-Ontarian Day. This day of awareness to the situation of Franco-Ontarians is to celebrate and to emphasize the anniversary of their flag and the presence of their community.

In this context, "L'Association des francophones de la région de York" (L'AFRY) is proud to celebrate in a special way the anniversary of the arrival of Étienne Brûlé and the presence of Francophone in York Region. We would appreciate if <u>September 25</u>th can be proclaim "Franco-Ontarian day".

Today, over 600 000 French speaking citizens live in Ontario, making it the largest francophone community outside of the province of Quebec

Several of the region's town and cities did agree to proclaim <u>September 25</u><sup>th</sup> "Franco-Ontarian day" last year and we are hopeful that the City of Vaughan will also commit to proclaim it.

Please feel free to contact me by email at <a href="mailto:coordination@afry.ca">coordination@afry.ca</a>.

Sincerely Yours,

Rokia Boiro Project coordinator