

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

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

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**DATE:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION OF SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY AT THE CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**FROM:**

Regional Councillor Mario G. Racco

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**Whereas**, Vaughan is home to 12,675 Spanish speakers, and this substantial population reflects the increasing importance and influence of the Spanish language within our multicultural landscape;

**Whereas**, Spanish stands as the first foreign language in arranged and university teaching and ranks as the foremost language in demand among learners. With 84 universities offering Spanish courses, 60 of these report high demand, showcasing the desire and enthusiasm among Canadians to engage with this language and culture;

**Whereas**, forecasts of immigration between 2023 and 2025 project a continued increase in the Hispanic community, further enriching our societal fabric with diverse cultural perspectives;

**Whereas**, since 1971, Canada's proud public policy of multiculturalism has celebrated the diverse cultural heritages that contribute to the country's identity. Recognizing April 23 as Spanish Language Day aligns perfectly with this commitment; and

**Whereas**, acknowledging the Hispanic community's contributions enriches our social tapestry, enhances educational standards, and significantly contributes to professional development.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That the City of Vaughan officially proclaim April 23rd every year as Spanish Language Day to acknowledge the language's prevalence and highlight the invaluable contributions of the Hispanic community.

**Financial and Staff Resource Impact**

Existing operating budget will be leveraged.

**Attachments**

Not Applicable