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Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 10:47 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@vaughan.ca>

Subject: September 4th PKD Awareness Day Proclamation

Good morning Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the PKD Foundation of Canada. Could we request the Mayor's Proclamation for the September 4th as a PKD (polycystic kidney disease) Awareness Day? Thank you in advance for information and have a great day.

Since 2014, Health Canada has recognized September 4 as National Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) Awareness Day – a special day devoted to raising awareness of this life-threatening, genetic disease.

Today, the PKD Foundation of Canada is the only national organization solely dedicated to fighting PKD through research, education, advocacy, support and awareness.

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Best regards,

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The more who know about PKD, the more resources we can dedicate to finding treatments and a cure. PKD Awareness Day is our opportunity to step up our efforts and gives us a platform to widely spread the word, share stories and encourage others to learn more. On PKD Awareness Day, let's come together as a united front to spread the word about this disease further than we ever have before!

Since its creation in 1993, the PKD Foundation of Canada has raised more than \$1 million towards research, support and help for families living with polycystic kidney disease (PKD). From the first research grant awarded in 1999, the PKD Foundation of Canada has set up chapters and support groups across the country, built an expansive and passionate volunteer network, and connected with PKD groups around the world to support our most notable fundraising event – the Walk to END PKD.

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NATIONAL POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

September 4, 2019

WHEREAS, Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) causes abnormal cysts to develop and grow in the kidneys and the enlargement of cysts causes kidney function to decline. It equally affects men, women and children – regardless of geography or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, the PKD Foundation of Canada is the only national charitable organization dedicated to fighting PKD, a progressive, life-threatening genetic disease, through programs of research, advocacy, education, support and awareness in order to discover vital treatments and a cure for PKD and improve the lives of all it affects; and

WHEREAS, in September, walks will take place in several locations to honour friends, family and supporters impacted by PKD to help raise funds for research and improve the quality of life for those afflicted with PKD, including many (Town/City) residents; and

THEREFORE, I, (Name of Mayor), Mayor of the Town / City of (Town/City Name), do hereby proclaim **September 4, 2019 National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day** in (Town/City Name).