

## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

<b>Meeting/Date</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 21, 2020</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Lincoln Alexander Day</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.</b>

**Whereas,** Colonel The Honourable Lincoln MacCauley Alexander demonstrated, through his life's pursuits, dedication and commitment to serving his country and his community; and

**Whereas,** Colonel The Honourable Lincoln MacCauley Alexander was the first Black Canadian to be elected as Member of Parliament in the House of Commons, to be appointed as Cabinet minister and to be appointed as Lieutenant Governor; and

**Whereas,** Colonel The Honourable Lincoln MacCauley Alexander was a passionate advocate for the advancement of education, race relations and youth issues, including by serving as Chancellor of the University of Guelph and Chair of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation; and

**Whereas,** throughout Canada and within the Province of Ontario, January 21 is known as "Lincoln Alexander Day", and

**Whereas,** the City of Vaughan values and appreciates the unwavering dedication and noble commitment of Colonel The Honourable Lincoln MacCauley to continuously strive for excellence, and the ultimate benefit of his community and his country; and

**Whereas,** the City of Vaughan recognizes and celebrates every February as Black History Month, as an opportunity to acknowledge the history, values and heritage of the Black community; and

**Whereas,** the City of Vaughan proudly celebrates inspirational leadership, diversity and inclusion. Nearly half of our population was born abroad, and our citizens speak 105 different languages. Celebrations like the Christmas Tree Lighting, Toy Drive, Lunar New Year and Menorah Lighting Ceremony, have become annual traditions, as have Black History Month and International Women's Day, along with many of our cultural and community organization flag raisings.

**It is therefore recommended:**

- 1. That every January 21 be officially proclaimed Lincoln Alexander Day in the City of Vaughan; and**
- 2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.**

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.  
Mayor