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February 4, 2020

Mr. Todd Coles
City Clerk
City of Vaughan
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Dear Mr. Coles,

On April 29, 2020, the State of Israel will be celebrating its 72nd Independence Day. The Consulate General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada asks you to consider this letter a formal request to have April 29, 2020 proclaimed as Israel's Independence Day and to host our annual flag-raising ceremony at Vaughan City Hall on April 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

We are inviting the members of Vaughan City Council to join with Vaughan's Israeli-Canadian and Jewish communities in celebrating this special occasion and the growing relationship between the State of Israel and the City of Vaughan. This year will be particularly significant as we are also celebrating a successful Vaughan Trade Mission to Israel that took place in November 2019.

The official ceremony, about an hour in length, will include the raising of the national flag of Israel, the singing of the national anthems of Canada and Israel, and remarks by the Mayor, City Councillors, the Consul General of Israel, and representatives of Vaughan's Jewish community. We also request the use of a lectern and speaker system during the ceremony.

I appreciate your taking the time to review our request and ask you to present it before Vaughan City Council. I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Jordan Falkenstein
Director of Government Relations



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