

## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 21, 2020
Title:	Proclaiming National Day of Mourning in the City of Vaughan
Submitted by:	Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C., Mayor

*Whereas,* National Day of Mourning was established by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1984 to recognize April 28th as a day to remember and honour those who have died, been injured or suffered illness in the workplace; and

*Whereas,* the date was chosen in 1984, when the Canadian Labour Congress proclaimed the Day to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the day the first Ontario Worker's Compensation Act was approved by the government in 1914; and

*Whereas,* the National Day of Mourning was enshrined in national legislation by an Act of Parliament on February 1, 1991; and

**Whereas**, the National Day of Mourning, also known as Workers' Memorial Day, is officially recognized by more than 100 countries worldwide; and

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan's existing flag-raising / half-masting policy (AD - 014), directs flags at City facilities, including fire stations, to be flown at half-mast to commemorate this day; and

*Whereas*, the City takes extensive precautionary measures to safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of City employees, especially during the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Whereas,** the City deeply values the important role employees play in the delivery of programs and services and is equally grateful for workers in industries who risk their safety to provide essential services;

It is therefore recommended:

- 1. That every April 28 be officially proclaimed National Day of Mourning in the City of Vaughan; and
- 2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and promoted on the City's corporate communications channels.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C. Mayor