



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Date:	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) – JANUARY 25, 2021
Title:	ILLUMINATION OF CITY HALL TO COMMEMORATE THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF KEIRA KAGAN'S MURDER
Submitted by:	Ward 4 Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Whereas, the City of Vaughan has received a request from Jennifer Kagan, Keira Kagan's mother, as well as area residents, to consider honouring Keira Kagan's death; and

Whereas, on February 9, 2020 Keira Kagan body was found following a short search in a park in Milton, Ontario; and

Whereas, it was conclusively determined that Keira Kagan had been murdered by her father in an act of murder-suicide; and

Whereas, Keira Kagan was a resident of Thornhill in Ward 4, where she lived primarily with her mother; and

Whereas, other municipalities have honoured victims of similar acts of violence with coloured lights and/or illumination on the anniversary of the victim's death; and

Whereas, the colour purple is used to represent the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls and illuminating City Hall will highlight awareness to this issue and the need for stronger laws to protect victims.

It is therefore recommended:

- 1) That City Council approve the illumination of City Hall in purple on February 9, 2021 to mark the one year anniversary of Keira's murder; and
- 2) That Corporate Communications promote the illumination of City Hall prior to the event and issue a news release regarding the commemorative illumination to highlight the importance of recognizing violence against women and girls; and
- 3) That this Member's Resolution be forwarded to York Region, York Region Police all York Region area municipalities, Vaughan's Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament to continue the conversation on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ward 4 Councillor

Attachments

1. Email request from Jennifer Kagan