

Office of the City Clerk
City of Vaughan
Vaughan City Hall, Level 100
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Re: Flag Raising & Proclamation Request for World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2021

Dear Sir/Madame:

For over 24 years the Down Syndrome Association of York Region (DSAYR) has been providing valuable services and promoting a positive image of people with Down syndrome as being valuable community members. We are a group of parents, individuals with Down syndrome, educators and community support professionals who firmly believe in the inherent equality of people with Down syndrome.

World Down Syndrome Day (WDS), March 21st, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The Province of Ontario proclaimed March 21st as Ontario Down Syndrome Day, since 2016.

As such, we are requesting the City of Vaughan join our celebration by raising the DSAYR's flag from Friday March 19 to Monday March 22, 2021 and to Proclaim March 21st as "Vaughan" Down Syndrome Day. We are making a similar request of all 9 Municipalities in York Region, so that this day can be recognized throughout our communities, in unison. During this pandemic, this is the safest and most widespread way for us to promote awareness.

We also ask that the event be promoted via the City of Vaughan's social media mediums as you see fit (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn etc.).

We would greatly appreciate the City of Vaughan's assistance in promoting World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2021.

We will arrange for delivery of our organization's flag once our request has been approved.

The City of Vaughan's support is important to us. Thank you for considering our request. You can contact us at 416-410-DOWN or email us at info@dsayr.ca.

Sincerely,

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President, DSAYR