

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST: DOCTORS' DAY

FROM:

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

Whereas, On May 1, we recognize physicians in our city, province and country for their leadership, sacrifice and commitment in the prevention and treatment of illness and disease; and

Whereas, Society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for their ongoing support to safeguard the health and well-being of our community, expand scientific research and increase the abilities for health professionals to effectively provide care, advance medical knowledge and promote good health; and

Whereas, On May 1, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) is asking Ontarians to show their appreciation for doctors on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, Ontario is home to world-class medical professionals who are transforming the delivery of patient care, leading breakthrough research and contributing to the evolution of our publicly-funded healthcare system; and

Whereas, Founded in 1880, the OMA has approximately 44,000 members, including all of Ontario's 31,500 practicing physicians; and

Whereas, On Feb. 7, 2021, the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital opened its doors, marking the arrival of a new era of healthcare excellence in our city. The hospital is providing relief for the capacity challenges being faced across the province as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, only critical care (ICU) and medicine beds are open to bring relief to our community, as well as the province's overstretched healthcare system; and

Whereas, There is no better time to celebrate and honour our doctors who are on the frontlines each day to ensure every patient is treated with the dignity, respect and empathy they deserve.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **THAT** the City of Vaughan proclaim every May 1 as Doctors' Day.
2. **THAT** City Hall be illuminated blue in recognition of Doctors' Day on May 1, 2021.
3. **THAT** the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.