

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 01, 2021

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST: LONGEST DAY OF SMILES

FROM:

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

Whereas, Operation Smile Canada has launched the Longest Day of SMILES movement to raise awareness and funds to help give children with cleft lip and cleft palate a new smile they deserve; and

Whereas, Every three minutes, a child is born around the world with a cleft lip, cleft palate or both. Infants born with cleft conditions are at risk of dying within their first year of life nine times more than an infant born without a cleft lip or palate; and

Whereas, Operation Smile encourages all Canadians to join the Longest Day of SMILES movement and help raise 3,000 new smiles by June 20, 2021; and

Whereas, Operation Smile has provided more than 300,000 children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial differences with free life-changing surgical procedures and dental care; and

Whereas, Operation Smile is a global medical charity helping to improve the health and lives of children in more than 60 countries. The organization also trains doctors and local medical professionals, donates medical equipment and supplies and provides year-round medical treatments through a network of comprehensive care centres.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **THAT** City Council ratify this motion to proclaim June 20, 2021, as Longest Day of SMILES at the City of Vaughan;

2. **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.