



Canadian Red Cross

Croix-Rouge canadienne

February 9, 2009

The Regional Municipality of York
Regional Chair Bill Fisch
17250 Yonge Street, Box 147
Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6Z1

Dear Regional Chair Bill Fisch,

When a community is in crisis, responding to the immediate needs of people takes top priority. This response effort can quickly deplete a community's human and financial resources.

In recent years, disasters have driven more than four million Canadians from their homes and caused billions of dollars in damage. Thanks to the generosity of Canadians, the Red Cross was able to respond to thousands of disasters in Canada last year - from house fires to tornadoes and floods.

March is Red Cross Month and each year, the Canadian Red Cross runs a public awareness campaign to increase public awareness and gain support for our programs and services.

As The Canadian Red Cross Society this year celebrates 100 years as a National Organization, I would like to request your support for our campaign through an official proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month. I have attached a template proclamation for your review and Beverly Verwey, Disaster Management Coordinator will contact you by February 6 to answer any questions you may have.

We would also like to request that the Municipality of York Region make this proclamation in conjunction with a flag raising ceremony. If you require a new Red Cross flag to be flown for the month of March on a Municipality of York Region flag post please contact Beverly Verwey. Also contact her if you would like a Red Cross Representative to attend this flag-raising ceremony.

Thank you in advance for your support. Beverly would be pleased to provide you with more information or discuss the proclamation with you in person. Beverly can be reached at 905-830-9565 or 1-800-361-9448 ext. 223.

Sincerely,

Jerry Chwang
Branch President



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Proclamation

Whereas, the Canadian Red Cross Society has been engaged in preventing and alleviating human suffering across Canada and around the world, and

Whereas, the Canadian Red Cross Society has helped thousands of Canadians through its Disaster Relief and Community Services, including our own citizens of the **Municipality of York Region**, and

Whereas, the Canadian Red Cross Society is a reflection of the Canadian spirit of generosity, caring and selflessness,

Therefore, I, **Regional Chair Bill Fisch** of the **Municipality of York Region** hereby proclaim March 2009 as Red Cross Month here in the **Municipality of York Region**. I also urge all residents of the **Municipality of York Region** to support the Canadian Red Cross Society and our community by regularly volunteering their time or by financially supporting Red Cross programs, across the world and across the street.

In witness whereof, I have herewith set my hand and caused the great seal of the **Municipality of York Region** to be affixed.