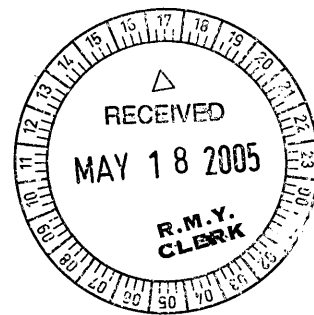
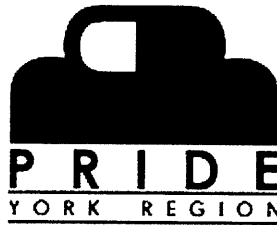


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FILE No. -

May 2, 2005

Regional Chair Bill Fisch
York Region Administration Building
17250 Yonge Street, 4th Floor
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 6Z1

Re: Pride Week 2005 ~ May 29 through June 4

Dear Mr. Fisch:

I am writing to make an official request for the Proclamation of Pride Week 2005, May 29 through June 4.

While this request is coming to you from PRIDE York Region, an education and advocacy group that operates throughout the Region, please recognize that the intent of this proclamation is not for the recognition of this organization. Instead, the goal of this request is to have recognized the lives and contributions of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in York Region and beyond. Coincidentally, June 1 is the National Day Against Homophobia.

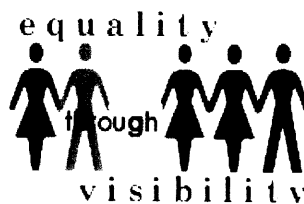
It is hoped that through increased awareness and understanding in the community discrimination and fear based on attitudes regarding sexual orientation and gender identity can be eradicated. There is still much work to be done in this regard, however proclamations go far in promoting positive discussion and providing a human rights context.

Your past support of this initiative is very much appreciated, and hopefully once again Council will see to it that Pride Week is proclaimed. Should you require additional information in order to respond to this request, I can be reached using the contact information below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin McBean

Kevin McBean
Chairperson



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