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Mr. Emil Kolb, Chairman
The Region of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A and B
Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

Dear Mr. Kolb

I am writing on behalf of TESL Ontario (Teachers of English as a Second Language) to invite you to take part in our Ontario wide initiative and declare the week of October 23rd to 29th, 2011 as "English as a Second Language Week" in your region. Given the diversity of your population, we hope you will grant us this request. In 2010 twenty-seven municipalities declared English as a Second Language Week.

For 38 years, TESL Ontario has held its Annual Conference to provide professional development for educators, administrators, students and volunteers who work with immigrants, refugees, citizens, and visitors, all who wish to improve their ability to communicate in English. This year, our 39th conference "Language Learning: A Focus on Success" will be held October 27th to 29th, 2011 and we will be honoured if representatives of your council can participate.

Last year's TESL Ontario conference attracted over 1600 registrants. Our members travel from across the province and beyond to attend workshops, research symposia, our technology fair and publishers' displays. For many of us, this annual journey to Toronto marks a time when we can share our experiences, expand our skills, and reaffirm the positive contribution that our province makes to diversity.

Having established a set of criteria to ensure measurable qualifications among ESL professionals, TESL Ontario, a non-profit organization, ensures that training institutions offering teacher training meet the highest standards. As we demand the best qualifications of our members, and the best in training from our teaching programs, we offer the best in second language education to our students, who in turn, contribute a wealth of knowledge and experience to our communities.

Attached, please find our suggested wording of the proclamation. Please contact our Executive Director, Renate Tilson at rtilson@teslontario.org if you require further information.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Sheila Nicholas
Chair

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