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REFERRAL TO _____
RECOMMENDED _____
DIRECTION REQUIRED ✓
RECEIPT RECOMMENDED _____

Your Worship,

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 November 4th to 10th, 2012 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 2011 fifty-one municipalities declared English as a Second Language Week.

For 40 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 40th conference "TESL Ontario at 40: Thriving, Excelling, Sharing, Leading" will be held November 8th to 10th, 2012 and we will be honoured if representatives of your council can participate.

Last year's TESL Ontario conference attracted 1510 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.

Through a set of criteria developed to ensure measurable qualifications among ESL professionals, TESL Ontario demands the best qualifications of our members, as well as the best in training from our teaching programs. As a result, we offer the finest in second language education to our students, who are capable of contributing a wealth of knowledge and experience to Ontario communities.

TESL Ontario will be developing a poster for our annual conference that will display all of the municipalities who have contributed to the success of ESL Week by granting a proclamation. Should you decide to grant the ESL Week Proclamation this year, we would appreciate it if you would email to administration@teslontario.org a .jpg or .eps version of your community logo so that we may display it on the poster.

Attached, please find our suggested wording of the proclamation. If you have any suggestions or comments as to the content of this document, please contact our Executive Director, Renate Tilson, at 416-593-4243 ext. 203.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Sheila Nicholas
Chair

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SUGGESTED WORDING OF PROCLAMATION

Ontario has been the destination of choice for many immigrants who have added to the diversity of the province by bringing their culture, customs and language, even as they endeavour to acquire the ability to communicate in English.

The community of English as a Second Language learners are represented in all aspects of society. They are students in elementary and secondary schools, universities, colleges, public and private schools, adult education students pursuing literacy and basic skills, participants in workplace-training programs, researchers and subjects, volunteers and workers, employees and business owners, labourers and professionals, neighbours and friends.

The professional organization Teachers of English as a Second Language (TESL) Ontario hosts a conference in Toronto each year consisting of workshops, research symposia and a technology fair to maintain and expand the skills and abilities of its members.

NOW THEREFORE, I, _____ on behalf of _____ of _____ Council, do hereby proclaim November 4th to 10th, 2012 as "English as a Second Language Week" in the _____ of _____.