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Proclamation Request Form

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Organization Information

Organization Name Walk For Values

Is your organization a non-profit?

Yes

Proclamation Information

Proclamation Name Human Values Day

Start Date Thursday, April 24, 2025

End Date Thursday, April 24, 2025

How is your proclamation is of interest and/or benefit to the citizens of Kingston?

Your Worship Dear Mayor Bryan Paterson,

On behalf of the Steering Committee and the dedicated community volunteers of the Walk for Values, we want to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you, all council members, and the citizens of The City of Kingston. Your unwavering support in proclaiming April 24 as "Human Values Day" in previous years demonstrates our shared commitment to raising awareness and promoting the practice of Human Values, thus building "Communities of Character." We take immense pride in being part of Canada, a nation celebrated for its multiculturalism and the rich tapestry of values that we hold dear.

I am writing to respectfully request the proclamation of April 24, 2025, as Human Values Day in The City of Kingston.

We propose that we take a moment each year to reflect on the importance of Human Values and commit to observing April 24 as "Human Values Day." This proclamation would dedicate a day annually to

enhancing awareness of Canada’s dedication to human values. It would encourage citizens to cultivate an environment that promotes, supports, and celebrates “excellence in character” within our schools, businesses, homes, and community organizations, ultimately strengthening families and communities both in Canada and around the globe. Rekindling human values through this Canadian initiative is not only vital for our local context but also a step towards achieving universal peace and security worldwide, fostering harmonious coexistence among varied peoples and cultures.

Since 2015, April 24 has earned recognition as Human Values Day through proclamations by Premiers from several provinces, including British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Alberta, and Newfoundland & Labrador. Numerous mayors from various municipalities have also joined this movement, and we are proud to have received over 350 proclamations to date. Iconic landmarks across Canada such as the CN Tower, Niagara Falls, the Toronto 3D sign, City Hall in Toronto, the Hamilton Signature Sign, the Mississauga Clock Tower, The Peace Bridge, BC Place in Vancouver, and the High-Level Bridge in Edmonton have all illuminated this significant day.

With this request, I have also included details of the Organization and a special presentation to mark the 10th Anniversary of Human Values Day.

This year, we have an exciting lineup of activities planned! We'll be organizing walks here in Canada and around the world, volunteering at local food banks, partnering with the Go Green initiative, and participating in tree planting efforts to combat climate change and enhance our environment. Join us in making a positive impact!

Moreover, if you have any thoughts or suggestions on how to further advance our efforts to promote Human Values within our community, we would sincerely welcome your insights.

Thank you very much for considering our request. Your continued support is invaluable to our mission, and we look forward to the possibility of further collaboration.

Respectfully submitted,

Manish Rughani (Advisor Team - Walk for Values)

Will this proclamation be presented at an event?

No

Include the proclamation in an ad under the City of Kingston banner in the Kingston Whig Standard? (Additional cost applies)

No

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