

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

Item 10, Report No. 5, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 19, 2013.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH AND MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> AS "PURPLE DAY"**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated February 5, 2013:

**Recommendation**

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**Contribution to Sustainability**

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**Economic Impact**

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**Communications Plan**

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**Purpose**

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**Report prepared by:**

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk

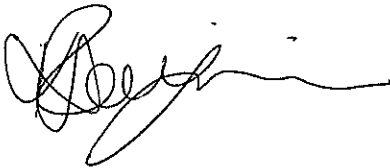
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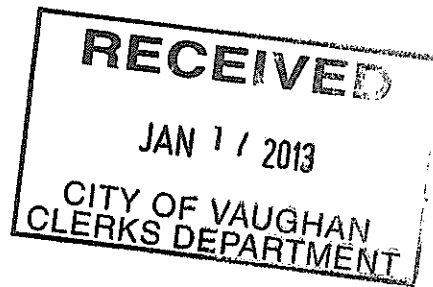
Dear Connie,

We would appreciate, if the City of Vaughan would recognize March as Epilepsy awareness month and March 26<sup>th</sup> as Purple day, for Epilepsy. We have taken the liberty of attaching suggested proclamation. If you have any further inquiries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,



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Program and Outreach Coordinator



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# Proclamation



## Epilepsy awareness month.

**Whereas:** March 26<sup>th</sup> is a Purple Day. It is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

**Whereas:** Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 50 million people worldwide and over 300,000 thousand people in Canada, and

**Whereas:** One in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime, and

**Whereas:** March is Epilepsy awareness month, Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26<sup>th</sup> annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally.

