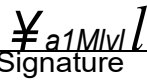


Proclamation Request Form

Request for the issuance of proclamations is governed by Council Policy. Requests must be received at least **six (6) weeks** in advance of the requested issuance date and may be emailed ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca or mailed to City Hall, P.O. Box 5035 London, ON N6A 4L9.

<u>Name of Organization</u> Rainbows For All Children Canada
<u>Proclamation Name</u> National Children's Grief Awareness Day
<u>Date of Proclamation Requested</u> November 16, 2023
<u>Proclamation Type</u> (day, week or month) Day
Organization's Direct Connection to London (provide specific details) For over 30 years, Rainbows Canada has served more than 3 million youth by providing high-quality programs in schools, faith communities, and social services agencies at no cost; showing grieving children and youth they are not alone and the pain of their loss does not have to hurt forever. We appreciate London's support for greiving children. Your support is significant to us as London made our free program available in your city. This has supported Ontario in being Rainbows Canada's largest Rainbows program supporter in Canada.
<u>Required Supporting Documents:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Detail information on the Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Detail information on the Event <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit request
<u>Category</u> (public awareness campaigns, charitable funding campaigns, arts and cultural celebrations) Public awareness campaign
<u>Requester Name</u> Kyanna Lee
<u>Requester Address</u> 80 Bradford St., Unit 131, Barrie ON, L4N 6S7
<u>Requester Phone Number and Email</u> 705-726-7407, kyanna@rainbows.ca
The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting the Proclamation and that by signing this Application, I acknowledge and agree that my organization complies with all City of London's Policies and By-laws.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  Signature </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: right;"> July 31, 2023 Date </div> </div>
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Dear Mayor Josh Morgan,

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Rainbows For All Children Canada, Inc. has been supporting Canadian youth, ages 3-18, through the pain and confusion of death, divorce, and/or separation for over 30 years. It is critical for the mental well-being of these children to have loving listeners who can guide them through the storms in their life and show them they have an opportunity to heal.

The loss of a parent, family member, friend, or loved one is often described as the hardest thing the child has ever faced, and the storm in their life has left the world feeling dark and colourless. Grieving children, especially those not given the opportunity to heal, are vulnerable to significant mental and physical challenges. The weight of uncertainty leads children to feel deeply alone, depressed, and suicidal. More visibly, lasting heartache from death can threaten students' academic success as they are more likely to lose self-confidence, drive, and ambition; have difficulty concentrating in class; fail to attend; and fall into risk of needing to repeat a grade or expulsion. Without learning how to express their emotions appropriately, children may go down dangerous paths—recklessness, self-harm, substance abuse—in effort to release their pain. Sadly, the complications of grief can weaken much needed relationships.

Children need constant reassurance that they are not alone in their fight to calm the storms inside their grieving hearts. Over the past nine years, the provinces and territories have granted proclamations marking the third Thursday of November as National Children's Grief Awareness Day. Buildings, monuments, bridges, and towers across the country are illuminated blue and messages of hope are shared online and through social media. We appreciate your support and ask that you grant us a proclamation letter for National Children's Grief Awareness Day this year.

On National Children's Grief Awareness Day, November 16, 2023, Rainbows Canada is determined to help children understand they are not alone, we are there for them, and the pain of their loss does not need to hurt forever. We hope you will join us on our mission to shine a light of hope in the darkness of grief for children across the country.

Yours Sincerely,

Kimberly Thomson
National Director
Rainbows For All Children Canada