

Proclamation Request Form

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<u>Name of Organization</u> APRAXIA KIDS CANADA
<u>Proclamation Name</u> APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY
<u>Date of Proclamation Requested</u> MAY 14 TH
<u>Proclamation Type</u> (day, week or month) DAY
Organization's Direct Connection to London (provide specific details) APRAXIA KIDS supports individuals and their families within London by raising awareness for this very misunderstood and very challenging speech disorder. By issuing this proclamation you will not only be showing that you support all your constituents, but you will also help to raise awareness for a complicated speech disorder that affects 1 in 1,000 children, including my daughter.
<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 - ADVOCACY
<u>Requester Name</u> TIFFANY PAOLIN for AVA PAOLIN
<u>Requester Address</u> [REDACTED] CUDMORE CRESCENT, LONDON, ON N6M 1M3
<u>Requester Phone Number and Email</u> [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting

2024 Proclamation Request

February 28, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request that you proclaim May 14th as Apraxia Awareness Day. Childhood apraxia of speech is a very misunderstood and very challenging speech disorder, and our kids need your help.

Now going into its twelfth year, Apraxia Awareness Day on May 14th aims to unite community members, children with childhood apraxia of speech, and their friends and family to be an unstoppable, united force advocating for children with childhood apraxia of speech.

By issuing this proclamation you will not only be showing that you support all your constituents, but you will also help to raise awareness for a complicated speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children.

I am a volunteer with Apraxia Kids, the nation's only 501(c)(3) dedicated to childhood apraxia of speech. This organization does many things here in London to try to raise awareness and understanding about childhood apraxia of speech, and we hope you will issue a proclamation to help us further the cause of raising awareness.

For your convenience, a sample proclamation is attached. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, or to confirm that you will proclaim May 14th as Apraxia Awareness Day.

Warmest regards,

Tiffany Paolin

2024 SAMPLE PROCLAMATION FOR APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

Whereas, May 14, 2024, marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised throughout London about childhood apraxia of speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children.

Whereas, childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children.

Whereas, the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years to learn to speak.

Whereas, without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills.

Whereas, that such primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved.

Whereas, public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in London is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice.

Whereas, our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

Let it be resolved, that May 14, 2024, is “Apraxia Awareness Day” and citizens of London and surrounds are encouraged to work within their communities to increase awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech.

Apraxia Kids is the leading nonprofit that strengthens the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia of speech. Please visit www.apraxia-kids.org for more information.



March 8th, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to confirm that Apraxia Kids gives authorization to Tiffany Paolin to request a proclamation indicating that May 14, 2024, is Apraxia Awareness Day. Using the templates provided by our organization, they have permission to submit those documents and obtain the proclamation once ready.

Apraxia Kids is the leading non-profit that strengthens the support systems in the lives of children and those with apraxia of speech. To learn more, please visit www.apraxia-kids.org.

Sincerely,
Amy Salera
Community Engagement Manager
Apraxia Kids