

From: Blessing Digha
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2022 4:23 PM
To: Clerk's Approval Requests <ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proclamations

Dear Proclamations office;

We kindly request for a proclamation,
February 6th, the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation.

In 2012 the United Nations General Assembly designated February 6 as the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation which is the "practice of altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons" and is recognized by the United Nations and otherworld bodies as child abuse and a violation of a girl's and woman's fundamental human rights. It is estimated that more than 200 million women worldwide are survivors of this practice, and 4.1 million girls are at risk of this practice. Some of those girls and women live right here in London, Ontario.

February 6th is an important day of action worldwide highlighting that Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) is indeed human rights abuse. FGM/C is a health issue with lifelong physical, reproductive and mental negative impacts. In Canada, FGM/C is a health, gender, immigration, education, political issue.

We enclose the suggested wording for the proclamation along the request form and ask that you send us both a hard copy and an email copy. The address for mailing is:

33 Wychwood Park, London, N6G 1R4.

thank you so much in advance for your help with this,

Regards,



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SIGN OUR PETITION



Proclamation Request Form

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Request details

Name of Organization	END FGM CANADA NETWORK
Date Proclamation Required	6TH FEBRUARY 2023
Proclamation Name	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FEMALE MUTILATION/CUTTING
Proclamation Type (day, week or month)	DAY
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations)	PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS
Requester Name	BLESSING TIMIDI DIGHA
Requester Telephone Number	+1 6475104371
Requester Email Address	info@endfgm.ca
Requester Address	33 WYCHWOOD PARK, LONDON N6G 1R4
Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London	THERE ARE SURVIVORS FROM MANY AFFECTED DIASPORA COMMUNITIES IN LONDON
Required Supporting Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detail information on the Organization endfgm.ca• Detail information on the Event• Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request
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	
Signature	
Date	DECEMBER 7, 2022
NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION	
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WHEREAS International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is an opportunity to honour everyone—including women, girls, boys, men and gender diverse people—who is actively and courageously working towards an end to this harmful practice, and

WHEREAS FGM has no benefits, causes only harm and is recognized by the United Nations and other global organizations as child abuse and an abuse of a girl’s fundamental human rights, and

WHEREAS International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate all national and international efforts, especially grassroots efforts, to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5, which calls for the elimination of FGM and other harmful practices by 2030, and

WHEREAS the city of London supports the human rights of women and girls so they can live a life free from the violence that is female genital mutilation;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 6, 2022, shall be known as

“International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation”

in the city of London.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our City of London to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS,
BY COMMAND.