

## Proclamation Request Form

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### Request details

Name of Organization

Date Proclamation Required May 3, 2023
Proclamation Name World Press Freedom Day
Proclamation Type (day, week or month) Day
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations) Public Awareness Campaigns
Requester Name Debbie

Requester Telephone Number

Requester Email Address

Requester Address: Sherwood Forest Square

Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London

The proclamation of World Press Freedom Day by municipalities, including London, serves as a reminder of the crucial role that journalism plays in a democratic society and the need for continued support and protection for press freedom. This recognition can inspire and reassure journalism students who are embarking on a career in a challenging and ever-changing industry, while also benefiting the many journalists who work tirelessly to provide the public with accurate and unbiased information. Recognizing World Press Freedom Day promotes and protects the freedom of the press in London while also supporting journalism that serves the public interest.

Required Supporting Documents

- Detail information on the Organization
- Detail information on the Event
- Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request

ink-stainedwretches.org is a grassroots volunteer advocacy group formed in March 2020 by former newsroom workers at the Waterloo Region Record newspaper. Long concerned with the decline in robust local journalism in their municipality and across Canada, the group is working to build a culture of appreciation for public-service journalism in Canada. Last year, 15 municipalities recognized World

Press Freedom Day in one way or another — mostly through mayoral proclamations.

This year marks the 30th anniversary since the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed May 3 as World Press Freedom Day. The theme for 2023 is “Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of expression as a driver for all other human rights” The following description is from the UNESCO World Press Freedom Day 2023 website: 3 May acts as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom and is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics. Just as importantly, World Press Freedom Day is a day of support for media which are targets for the restraint, or abolition, of press freedom. It is also a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the pursuit of a story.

ink-stainedwretches.org confirms that Debbie is submitting this application — for a proclamation of World Press Freedom Day (May 3, 2023) in London, Ontario — on our group’s behalf. If further confirmation is necessary, please contact Mirko Petricevic, co-ordinator, at [ink.stained.campaign@gmail.com](mailto:ink.stained.campaign@gmail.com)

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 March 18 2023

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