



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION TEMPLATE

WHEREAS, 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, contributing close to 5 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in *(your city or town)* mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in *(your city or town)* have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

WHEREAS, *(your city or town)*'s volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our city's volunteers is that *(your city or town)* is a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS, *(insert information about the different roles played by volunteers in your community)*; and

WHEREAS, organizations in *(your city or town)* that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations as *(insert the names of the festivals, hospitals, community centres or any other volunteer involving organizations that are most relevant to your community)*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *(mayor's name)*, Mayor of *(your city or town)*, do hereby proclaim April 16 - 22, 2023, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.