

Appendix A

Tamil Heritage Month in the Toronto Catholic District School Board

Proclamation

WHEREAS on October 5, 2016 the Canadian House of Commons unanimously declared January as Tamil Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS the Tamil Heritage Month Act, Bill 111, was passed by the Ontario government in 2014 to proclaim January as Tamil Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Catholic District School Board recognizes the vast contributions of Tamil Canadians to the enrichment, diversity and social fabric of Canada; and

WHEREAS through art, music, religion, education, medicine, and the service industry, Tamil Canadians were instrumental in the growth and development of Canada; and

WHEREAS Tamil Canadians continue to contribute to Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural mosaic; and

WHEREAS Toronto is home to more than 130,000 people of Tamil heritage and has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent; and

AND WHEREAS the Toronto Catholic District School Board is home to students of diverse multicultural heritages, including those of Tamil descent; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Toronto Catholic District School Board hereby proclaims January as Tamil Heritage Month.