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**To: Regular Board Meeting: November 18, 2021**

**From: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2**

**Subject: Motion – Proclamations to Celebrate Women’s History Month, International Day of the Girl and Persons Day**

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**MOVED BY: Markus de Domenico**, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**WHEREAS:** In 1992, the Government of Canada, designated October as Women’s History Month marking the beginning of an annual month-long celebration of the outstanding achievements of women throughout Canada’s History;

**WHEREAS:** On March 8, 2018, Trustee Rizzo put forward a motion for the board to recognize International Women’s Day and to create an award in honour Sr Evanne Hunter, IBVM. A Report was requested. The report was passed at the May 3, 2018 Student Achievement and Well-Being meeting;

**WHEREAS:** Paolo De Buono delegated asking the Board to consider recognizing October as Women’s History Month;

**WHEREAS:** Women’s History Month includes International Day of the Girl on October 11 and Persons Day on October 18;

**WHEREAS:** International Day of the Girl is a United Nations observance day dedicated to girls’ rights around the world;

**WHEREAS:** Persons Day marks a pivotal movement in Canadian History [1929] when the legal definition of “persons” was changed to include women; and

**WHEREAS:** Curriculum resources support each year’s theme for Women’s History Month and should be reflective of the diversity within the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Toronto Catholic District School Board hereby proclaim October as ***Women’s History Month*** annually throughout the Board;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Toronto Catholic District School Board hereby proclaim every October 11 as ***International Day of the Girl***; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Toronto Catholic District School Board hereby proclaim every October 18 as ***Persons Day***.