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To: Student Achievement and Well-Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee Regular Meeting, March 3, 2022

From: Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4

Subject: Notice of Motion - To proclaim Vyshyvanka Day (Ukrainian embroidered blouse/shirt) on the third Thursday of May in all Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) schools

MOVED BY: Teresa Lubinski, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: The TCDSB stands with Ukraine during the invasion by Russia that began on Feb. 24, 2022;

WHEREAS: There is a substantial number of Ukrainian students and Staff at our three Eastern Rite schools and across the TCDSB;

WHEREAS: The Government of Canada and Province of Ontario celebrate Vyshyvanka Day each year;

WHEREAS: Canadians of Ukrainian background have overcome tremendous obstacles to become a fully integrated and proud component of the overall Canadian fabric of society;

WHEREAS: Vyshyvanka Day is already an international event which recognizes Ukrainian identity and unity in the world;

WHEREAS: All of our students should have knowledge of the meaning of Vyshyvanka (embroidered shirt or blouse) Day;

WHEREAS: The method of embroidery is a form of meditation and has been used to nurture one's mental health;

WHEREAS: There is a long tradition of Ukrainians triumphing evil through works of beauty. Long winter evenings were spent embroidering garments and cloth to protect oneself, family and loved ones. Each stitch is a prayer of protection and healing; and

WHEREAS: Vyshyvanka Day unites generations of Ukrainians regardless of their gender, social status, religious beliefs or political opinions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The third Thursday of May (May 19, 2022) is proclaimed as Vyshyvanka Day (Ukrainian embroidered blouse/shirt Day) at all Toronto Catholic District School Board schools this year and every year thereafter, to raise awareness of its' meaning and symbol for people of Ukraine;

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