

## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Councillor Janet Davis**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michelle Berardinetti**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Nahom Tsehaie Berhane on Saturday, September 27, 2014.

The City of Toronto has lost a man who dedicated his life to helping others. Nahom fought for youth empowerment, working as a youth program leader for the City of Toronto, developing innovative programs at North York Community House and Harbourfront Community Centre, founding the Eritrean Youth Collective, and most recently as a Health Promoter at Accesspoint on Danforth. Nahom's values of inclusivity and community continued on into his passion of the arts; from his moniker as DJ IncluSV growing up to his position on the East End Arts Advisory Committee.

Nahom was a vital member of the community, uniting people behind his fervor, charisma and open-mindedness. As a graduate of the "CITY Leaders Program" and a Project Management course at the University of Toronto, Nahom had a bright future of community leadership ahead of him. Nahom had an extraordinary ability to motivate and connect to people, touching countless lives in his path. Nahom will be remembered as one of the most selfless, welcoming and loving individuals who could see potential in anyone and energize them to achieve it.

Nahom tragic death has resulted in a renewed commitment to building a safe and resilient community, and working to prevent the senseless loss of other young people. Nahom is sadly missed; but his work will be carried forward by the residents, co-workers and friends who shared his vision for a better world.

He was the devoted father of two teenage girls, Sarafina Nahom and Johara Eman.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Nahom Berhane's family and friends.

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