

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM44.95	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Declaring One Week in August Caregiver Appreciation Week - by Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to identify an appropriate week in March of each year beginning in 2019 that can be declared "Caregiver Appreciation Week" in the City of Toronto and that the City Manager report back to City Council in January 2019.

**Summary**

As Canadians get older the need for caregivers both within families and outside grows each year. Caregivers, whether family members or those who work as caregivers, are critical supports to many individuals and families. The dedication and commitment required of family members who are caregivers is significant and can be very stressful on individuals and families. The contribution of caregivers who work to support those who require assistance is invaluable. Their contributions to Canadian society are indispensable. It is important to recognize the enormous contributions caregivers, both family members and those who work as caregivers, provide and it is for this reason that it would be appropriate to designate one week in March each beginning in 2019 as "Caregiver Appreciation Week."

**Background Information (City Council)**

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