



## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by:** Councillor Jim Karygiannis

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Maria Michela Fusillo on December 26, 2018.

Maria Michela was the youngest of 6 children and the only one in her family to immigrate from Italy to Toronto in 1962 where she joined her husband Antonio. Maria Michela was grateful for the privilege of being a homemaker and mother; she raised her children along with her grandchildren in Little Italy in the City of Toronto where she lived for 57 years.

The Fusillo family is a known name in the history of Toronto especially during the Hogg's Hollow Disaster where the family lost their youngest brother, Giovanni at the age of 23 along with 4 colleagues. The work accident was made into a documentary and served as a catalyst in changing labour laws for construction workers in Toronto. The Fusillo family is very proud of their Italian heritage and are honoured to be part of the Canadian mosaic of citizens who have contributed to the development and prosperity of Toronto.

Maria Michela's daughters will attest that Maria Michela had the patience of a saint and rarely, if ever, lost her temper or voice with them. Maria Michela had a wonderful sense of humour. She loved life and saw beauty all around her up until the days she passed.

After Maria Michela was diagnosed with terminal illness, she had every right to cry, be mad or even fall into depression; but that was not the case, for she was graceful and accepting until God called her. Her daughters say they will remember their mother as being joyful, supportive and always loving. She will forever be remembered in their hearts.

Maria Michela Fusillo was a loving mother to her children Joanne (Dine), Victoria (Lou) and Angela (Steve) and her grandchildren Daniel (Veronica), Victoria, Andrea, David and Ardian.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to family and friends of Maria Michela Fusillo.

January 30, 2019