



Women & Gender Studies Institute
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

March 6, 2020.

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Re: **14.3 - Renaming of a portion of Russell Street extending between St. George Street and Spadina Crescent**

I am writing on behalf of the Women and Gender Studies Institute (WGSJ) at the University of Toronto to express enthusiastic support for naming a street on the St. George campus after **URSULA FRANKLIN**.

The WGSJ is proud of its association with Professor Franklin; she has already been named an Honorary Member of this Institute to acknowledge her exemplary and pioneering contributions as a scientist, professor, feminist and peace activist.

Franklin was the first woman professor in the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science and the first woman to be named University Professor by the University of Toronto. She gave the 1989 CBC Massey lectures on the effects of technology on culture, and has been recognised globally for her writings on the political and social effects of technology. Her work has had impact on a local, national and global level.

Her contributions have been recognised through 25 honorary degrees and induction into the Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame, as well as Companion of the Order of Canada, Member of the Order of Ontario, City of Toronto Award of Merit and the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Person's Case for advancing the equality of girls and women in Canada.

The street to be named for her is in proximity to the Women and Gender Studies Institute and thus will be serve as a permanent reminder to our students, faculty and staff, as well as the wider community, of Franklin's important and lasting contributions towards transforming society on the basis of principles of peace and justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Alissa Trotz'.

D. Alissa Trotz

Professor and Director,

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University of Toronto