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Attention:

Mayor Olivia Chow
Toronto City Councillors

Subject: Support for Motion MM41-7 Councillor Lily Cheng

To the Clerk,

We ask that this email be shared with the Council members. We wish to express our support for Member Motion 41-7 proposed by Councillor Lily Cheng calling for Parliament to create a heritage month for Chinese Canadians.

Filipino Family Services has proudly served our community in eastern Canada since 2008. However, one of our key strategies has been to foster dialogue and cooperation between communities.

Since 2018 when Parliament enacted June as the annual Filipino Heritage Month in Canada, we have worked to celebrate that month. But we have also taken part in heritage activities of other ethnicities including the Black and Jewish communities.

We have become aware of the effort to correct an oversight and obtain legislation from Parliament that would create a Canadian Chinese Heritage Month in Canada. There are nearly 2 million persons in Canada of Chinese descent but here is no heritage month for them among the close to 70 commemorative days and months that Canada has approved.

We laud Councillor Lily Cheng for tabling the motion that will be considered by your Council. It calls for Canada to act and is similar to motions that have already been adopted by Vaughan, Markham and York Region in your immediate area as well as other cities such as Durham Region, Clarington and Guelph.

As one of Canada's most diverse cities, Toronto's support carries weight. There are more than 700,000 Chinese Canadians found in the Greater Toronto Area with a substantial number within city limits.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ramon Vicente', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ramon Vicente
President
Filipino Family Services