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Subject: 29th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, the largest crime against humanity after the Holocaust in Europe.

From: Emir Ramic
Sent: June 26, 2024 9:59 PM
To: <mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Fwd: 29th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, the largest crime against humanity after the Holocaust in Europe.

Dear All,

In accordance with the email message from the mayor's office, I am sending you the following information.

We also ask you to look at the email message from the mayor's office

The 11th of July marks a special day for the Bosnian people who live in Hamilton. It is the 29th anniversary of the genocide in the "UN protected area" of Srebrenica. This year's commemoration begins on July 10th. So I kindly ask and would be thankful if it could be done by that date.

Explanation:

In 1995, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslims were murdered in Srebrenica by the army, paramilitaries and police forces of the Republic of Srpska. The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Court of Justice have ruled that this massacre was an act of genocide and is highlighted at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights.

In 2015, the House of Commons passed unanimously a historic motion to recognize the month of April as Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month and named the ones recognized by Canada's House of Commons including the Srebrenica Genocide.

In 2010, the House of Commons unanimously passed Brian Masse motion M-416, which recognized the genocide and established Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day in Canada.

A monument recognizing the genocide has been dedicated in Jackson Park in Windsor, Ontario.

In 2019, Brian Masse, MP, tabled Petition e-1837, calling upon the Canadian government to enact legislation that would prohibit Srebrenica Genocide denial in Canada.

In some Canadian schools and colleges, students are studying the genocide in Srebrenica.

Feel free to contact us for anything you need.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Emir Ramic

Begin forwarded message:

From: Office of the Mayor <mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Re: 29th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, the largest crime against humanity after the Holocaust in Europe.
Date: June 26, 2024 at 9:42:24 AM EDT
To: Emir Ramic <mailto:ramicemir123@gmail.com>

Good morning Emir,

Thank you for contacting the Office of Mayor Horwath.

Although it is not a practice in Hamilton to issue proclamations, we are happy to place this as a correspondence item on the Hamilton City Council meeting agenda.

In doing so, the 29th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica will be acknowledged as correspondence at the next Council meeting and will raise awareness of this cause to Councillors and residents in the City of Hamilton.

To continue with this process please email <mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca>

In regards to the flag being flown at half mass that request would go through <mailto:hamflag@hamilton.ca> and sign lighting requests through <mailto:hamsign@hamilton.ca> if you need that information.

Thank you and have a great day.

Warmest regards,

Office of the Mayor
City of Hamilton
(905) 546-4200

My working hours may be different than yours. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your normal work schedule.

From: Emir Ramic
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:21 PM
To: Office of the Mayor <mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Fwd: 29th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, the largest crime against humanity after the Holocaust in Europe.

Dear Mayor Horwath,
Earlier we wrote to you regarding the occasion of July 11, the International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Srebrenica Genocide. We hope to receive your response by July 7, when the commemoration will take place.
On behalf of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina who live in Hamilton, we ask that on the eve of July 11, the flag of Bosnia and Herzegovina be raised at half-mast in memory of the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica.

Thank you for everything you do for Bosnia and Herzegovina, for truth and justice. The citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina who live in Hamilton respect that a lot.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Emir Ramic

From: Emir Ramic

Subject: 29th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, the largest crime against humanity after the Holocaust in Europe.

Date: May 28, 2024 at 10:58:51 AM EDT

To: Office of the Mayor <mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>

Mayor Andrea Horwath

Hamilton City Hall

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May 29, 2024.

Subject: 29th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, the largest crime against humanity after the Holocaust in Europe.

Dear Mayor Horwath and Council Members,

This year marks the 29th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, the largest crime against humanity after the Holocaust in Europe.

On behalf of the International Expert Team of the Institute for Research of Genocide Canada and the Bosnian community in Canada, we kindly invite you to issue a proclamation on the occasion of July 11, the Day of Remembrance for the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica.

In July 1995, more than 8,372 Bosniaks in Srebrenica, mainly men and boys, were murdered in cold blood by the Army and Police Forces of Republika Srpska.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) ruled that the Srebrenica massacre was genocide, which was not just limited to men but also included women and children, with the youngest victim being a newborn baby.

Motion M-416, passed in the House of Commons on October 19, 2010, recognized July 11 annually as Srebrenica Remembrance Day in Canada.

Motion M-587, passed in the House of Commons on April 24, 2015, included the Srebrenica Genocide and Srebrenica Remembrance Day as part of "Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Awareness Month" every April.

This year, Canada joined the list of sponsors of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution declaring July 11 as the International Day of Remembrance of the Genocide in Srebrenica in 1995.

Your support and message will significantly raise awareness and build a joint stance toward justice and peace.

Emphasizing the values of empathy, justice, and reconciliation, we can convey an important message together.

Sincerely yours.

Prof dr. Emir Ramic
Director of the Institute for Research of Genocide Canada