

## Mayoral Proclamation Template

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the Canadian population, totalling 24 million individuals, dedicate their time to various forms of volunteering, contributing an impressive number of nearly 5 billion volunteer hours annually; and

WHEREAS, within the community of (your city or town), volunteers serve as mentors to our youth, provide support to those experiencing isolation, enhance the beauty of our natural spaces, and engage in fundraising efforts for charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers in (your city or town) have exhibited remarkable resilience by offering aid to families, friends, neighbours, and even strangers, while also advocating against systemic injustices and promoting discussions aimed at fostering a more equitable society; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers in (your city or town) represent a diverse array of individuals, including families, workers, retirees, and community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective efforts of our city's volunteers significantly contribute to making (your city or town) a more vibrant and desirable place to reside; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to acknowledge the varied roles undertaken by volunteers in our community, ranging from (insert information about the different roles played by volunteers in your community); and

WHEREAS, vital organizations within (your city or town), such as (insert the names of relevant festivals, hospitals, community centers, or other volunteer-involved organizations), rely heavily on the dedication of volunteers; and



NOW, THEREFORE, I, (Mayor's name), Mayor of (your city or town), do hereby declare April 14 - 20, 2024, as National Volunteer Week and call upon my fellow citizens to acknowledge and appreciate the indispensable contributions made by volunteers to the betterment of our community.

