



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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PROCLAMATION

"NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK"

APRIL 15 - APRIL 21, 2007

"VOLUNTEER SPIRIT DAY"

APRIL 16, 2007

WHEREAS: Our nation was founded upon a spirit of volunteerism, the talents and energies of Canadian volunteers continue to be one of our greatest natural resources; and

WHEREAS: To build a society that is fair and just for all, we must work together in a spirit of love, respect and cooperation; and

WHEREAS: Canada cannot look to government alone to solve all of its societal problems; and

WHEREAS: Volunteerism is increasingly recognized as an important partner with government and industry in doing the work of the country; and

WHEREAS: The active involvement of citizens is needed today more than ever to combat growing human and social problems, to renew our belief that these problems can be solved, and to strengthen our sense of community; and

WHEREAS: Anyone can be a volunteer and reap the rich rewards that come from doing for others, as well as from improving one's own skills and widening one's horizons; and

WHEREAS: Volunteering offers all Canadians, young and old, the opportunity to participate in the life of their community and to link their talents and resources to address some of the major issues facing our cities, such as drug and alcohol abuse, education, hunger, youth, homelessness, our elderly; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting for all Canadians to join in this celebration of our rich volunteer heritage and to give special recognition to the dedicated volunteers and volunteer programs which contribute immeasurably to communities throughout our city;