New Proclamation Request

Hello,

Please note the following response to Proclamation Request has been submitted at Wednesday July 21st 2021 1:21 PM with reference number 2021-07-21-001.

- Organization or Business Name Canadian Institute of Forestry
- Organization or Business Website https://www.cif-ifc.org
- Date that proclamation event is to begin 2021-9-19
- Date that proclamation event ends 2021-9-25
- Will you be requesting a community flag raising? If you answer yes, please provide additional details in the section below.
 No
- **Proclamation name, details and event information** National Forest Week

Lead by the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF-IFC), National Forest Week is a one-week campaign that takes place during the last week of September each year and challenges Canadians across the country to learn more about the forest sector and its significance to Canada's culture, history, and future, while also supporting a greater recognition of forests as a valuable, renewable and green resource.

The theme this year "Our Forests - Continually Giving", will highlight the inextricable link between us and our forests. Now more than ever, forests are an important beacon of renewal, resilience and hope for the future. Throughout the week, CIF will be celebrating the endless cultural, social, ecological, economic and health benefits they provide whilst encouraging individuals to reflect on their personal connection with forests and trees. CIF will further be recognizing the critical opportunities for reconciliation and Indigenous leadership within the management of our forests and the forestry economy. This year's theme also showcases the importance of sustainable management to ensure we give back to our forests so they remain resilient in the future. By emphasizing their role within our everyday lives, CIF's goal is to foster an enthusiasm for our forests and invite individuals to engage in sustainable action.

This September, CIF is inviting municipalities across Canada to recognize and celebrate National Forest Week (September 19-25, 2021) and would welcome the city of Orangeville to participate and declare National Forest Week.

A proclamation example is provided below:

WHEREAS: Covering 66% of the province and 71.1 millions hectares, Ontario's forests are an indispensable source of ecological, cultural, health, social and economic benefits.

WHEREAS: Its forests are also located on the traditional territory of diverse Indigenous nations and provide nourishment and cultural value to these groups.

WHEREAS: The city of Orangeville has numerous parks and a rich urban tree cover.

WHEREAS: Its forested green spaces provide valuable recreational opportunities for its residents and act as a centre for physical, mental, social and community well being.

WHEREAS: Its forest cover also contributes numerous essential ecological services for the city such as stormwater retention, energy savings and wildlife habitat.

WHEREAS: With its carbon sequestration and cooling capacities, Orangeville's urban tree cover is vital to the city's resilience in the midst of climate change.

WHEREAS: National Forest Week is an annual one-week campaign which recognizes its critical contribution to Canada and its people. This year, National Forest Week will be celebrated across the country by individuals and organizations with the theme of "Our Forests -Continually Giving".

THEREFORE: As mayor of Orangeville, I declare September 19–25, 2021 as: "NATIONAL FOREST WEEK" in Orangeville



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