

April 7, 2014

Hon. Tony Van Bynen Town of Newmarket 395 Mulock Drive P.O. Box 328, STN Main Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7 CAO APR 0 9 2014 COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT CLERKS CONCERNS

Dear Mayor Van Bynen,

On behalf of The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families, a children's mental health agency which provide services in York Region, I am writing to request that you proclaim May 4 -10, 2014 as "Children's Mental Health Week" in the Town of Newmarket.

One in 5 children experiences mental health problems. Treatment is effective, however, frequently these problems are not diagnosed or treated and they may become more serious. Through a variety of activities which are scheduled for Children's Mental Health Week, we are striving to achieve the following four goals:

- Promoting/maintaining good mental health
- Increasing public awareness of children's mental health issues and dispelling the associated stigma
- Encouraging parents to seek help
- Providing contact information for children's mental health services in York Region

We ask that you support us in our quest for optimal mental health for all children by making a proclamation and including the following contact information:

• The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families: 905-887-5896 or info@theyorkcentre.ca

"Healthy Minds, Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities".

If you require additional information, please contact me at 905-851-1672.

Yours truly,

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Noreen Lee, Chairperson The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families



