**Mayoral Proclamation Template**

WHEREAS, 12.7 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing close to 2 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in *(your city or town)* mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in (your city or town) have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

WHEREAS, *(your city or town)*’s volunteers are young, old, families, workers, retirees, men and women of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our city’s volunteers is that *(your city or town)* is a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS, *(insert information about the different roles played by volunteers in your community)*; and

WHEREAS, organizations in *(your city or town)* that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations as *(insert the names of the festivals, hospitals, community centres or any other volunteer involving organizations that are most relevant to your community)*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *(mayor’s name)*, Mayor of *(your city or town)*, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.