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Mayor Fred Eisenberger
77 James St. N., Suite 230
Hamilton, Ontario L8R 2K3

Dear Mayor Fred Eisenberger,

As you may know, National Volunteer Week is fast approaching and what better way to recognize volunteers than to celebrate the thousands of community coaches in the province. April 17 through to the 25th has been designated as Ontario Coaches Week - an initiative launched by the Coaches Association of Ontario in 2006 with the support of both the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government.

The goal of the week is to help bring quality sport programs to thousands of children by inspiring more Ontarians to take up coaching as their volunteer activity. Good coaches can positively influence a child's self-confidence and attitude toward sport and fitness and health as a lifelong pursuit.

During Ontario Coaches Week, over 1,000 men and women will be attending FREE clinics and workshops across Ontario to develop their skills and learn more about coaching young people and becoming a better coach. This program was designed to recruit all young and old into coaching - grandmothers and grandfathers, young people, teachers, and more women. Coaching workshops will be held in over 30 different communities from Chapleau to Kitchener, Greely to Sarnia.

As we celebrate Ontario Coaches Week, we ask every community to join us in celebrating all of Ontario's MANY coaches who dedicate hours to help build teams, develop sport skills, and make us proud as we celebrate athletic accomplishments.

There are a number of ways for your community to get involved:

- **PROCLAIM, DECLARE, or DESIGNATE** "Coaches Week" in your town or community, in your clubs, and schools. See sample attached.

- **Write** an article recognizing the hours and dedication of a role model coach. Call the local newspaper or radio station and get it published. Let local media know coaches have their own week in Ontario.

- **Nominate** a coach for an award by contacting a Provincial Sport Organization and find out about their award process. Submit a nomination for Ontario's Coach-of-the-Month. Create your own community coach recognition award.

- **Buy** your coach breakfast during Ontario Coaches Week or just say "Thanks Coach!"

I hope your community will join us in our efforts. For more information about Ontario Coaches Week or the Coaches Association of Ontario, please visit us online at www.coachesontario.ca or phone us directly at (416) 426-7086, toll free 1-888-NCCP-ONT.

Yours in Coaching,

Sheilagh Croxon,
Chair, Coaches Association of Ontario
PROCLAMATION

"ONTARIO COACHES WEEK"

April 17 - 25, 2010

WHEREAS: Good coaches can positively influence a child’s self-confidence and attitude toward sport, fitness and health as a lifelong pursuit; and

WHEREAS: the goal of the week is to help bring quality sport programs to thousands of children by inspiring more Ontarians to take up coaching as their volunteer activity; and

WHEREAS: During the week over 1,000 men and women will be attending free clinics and workshops across the province to develop their skills and learn more about coaching young people; and

WHEREAS: April 17-25, 2010 has been designated Ontario Coaches Week, an initiative launched by the Coaches Association of Ontario in 2006 with the support of the province of Ontario and the federal government;

THEREFORE: I, Eddie Francis, Mayor of ________, do hereby proclaim

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ONTARIO COACHES WEEK

in the City of ________ and I urge all citizens to participate in scheduled activities and learn more about making coaching their volunteer activity. I also urge all civic, social and fraternal organizations and business establishments give this campaign the greatest possible support.

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Mayor
WHEREAS: The goal of Ontario Coaches Week is to help bring quality sport programs to thousands of children by inspiring more Ontarians to take up coaching as their volunteer activity; and

WHEREAS: This program is designed to recruit all ages into coaching, as good coaches can positively influence a child’s self-confidence and attitude toward sport, fitness and health as a lifelong pursuit; and

WHEREAS: During Ontario Coaches Week close to 1,000 men and women will be attending clinics and workshops across Ontario to develop their skills and learn more about coaching young people and becoming a better coach.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Susan Fennell, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17 – 26, 2010 as “Ontario Coaches Week” in the City of Brampton.

Dated this 14th day of April 2010.

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Susan D. Fennell