



March 30, 2022

Attn: Mayor West  
City of Richmond Hill, Ontario

Hello Mayor West,

I am writing to respectfully request that you light the buildings in the beautiful City of Richmond Hill blue on May 14, 2022 in recognition of Apraxia Awareness Day.

Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a very misunderstood and very challenging speech disorder that affects nearly 1-in-1,000 children. Without intensive and appropriate speech therapy, children with CAS will not learn to speak.

Going into its eighth year internationally, Apraxia Awareness Day aims to unite these children and their friends and family with community members to be an unstoppable, united force advocating and raising awareness about CAS on May 14th.

Children with CAS, their families and the Speech Language Pathologists working with them all need your help. By issuing this special illumination you will not only be showing that you support all of your constituents, but you will also help raise awareness for the most severe speech disorder.

I am a volunteer with Apraxia Kids, the leading nonprofit dedicated to CAS and I would be happy to share more about CAS with you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and to confirm a special illumination for Apraxia Awareness Day.

We hope the City of Richmond Hill will join other Canadian landmarks like Niagara Falls and the CN Tower this May 14th to help us further the cause of raising awareness so we can better advocate for these children on their journey of learning to use their own voice.

With warmest regards,

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Illumination & Proclamation Coordinator