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April 3, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.

Premier of Ontario

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

To Premier Ford:

Re: Oath of Office

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on March 25, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington passed the following Resolution #GG-041-24:

That Council approves the Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee's recommendation, in their February 2, 2024 minutes, regarding the Oath of Office for Members of Council:

That Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to make changes to the Oath of Office to include indigenous and treaty rights by changing the oath of office to the following, which has been endorsed by many Ontario municipalities:

"I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Indigenous and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples."

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPPs, the Durham Area Municipalities, the Clarington Diversity Committee, and any other interested parties.

Yours truly,

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Municipal Clerk

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