John Tory
Mayor

February 13, 2018

Ms. Marilyn Sinclair
CEO
Secretariat Central
20 Crown Steel Drive, Unit 6
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Dear Ms. Sinclair:

RE: Liberation 75 Global Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, Descendants, Educators and Friends

The City of Toronto would be honoured to host Liberation 75 Global Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, Descendants, Educators and Friends in 2020 in Toronto.

Toronto is the largest city in Canada, the fourth largest city in North America, and Canada's media, business, professional sports and entertainment capital. Toronto's population of over 2.8 million includes more than 90 different ethnic groups that speak almost as many languages, making Toronto a unique mosaic where different cultures live in harmony. We have a history of hosting the world through international conferences, visitor experiences and major sport and cultural events.

Canada was the third largest refuge country for Holocaust survivors following World War II, after Israel and the United States, welcoming over 40,000 survivors to make a new life for themselves. Currently Toronto is home to the largest Holocaust survivor population in Canada, the largest Jewish community in Canada, and the 15th largest Jewish urban community in the world.

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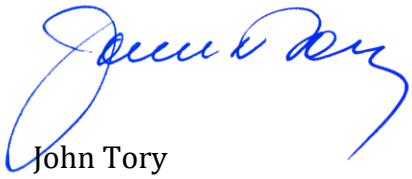
The Toronto region is home to several service organizations and memorials that educate and commemorate survivors of the Holocaust including the Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, the Canadian Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants (SJHSD), the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Site, and the Jewish Family & Child Service.

As a city with an exceptionally large number of cultural communities, many of whom have faced oppression in their homelands, we are a very appropriate city to host a gathering to help people understand the impact of the holocaust and say “Never Again”.

We would be privileged to host and welcome survivors, descendants, educators and friends to our City. We will be pleased to work with the organizers to ensure a highly successful event.

Sincerely,



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