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Tamil Canadians wholeheartedly thank the Canadian House of Commons for recognizing the genocide committed against Tamil people and recognizing the May 18th of each year as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day

Toronto: The Canadian House of Commons unanimously passed a historical motion on May 18th, 2022 with the following text:

“This House acknowledge the Genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka and recognize May 18th of each year as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day.”

We would like to thank Member of Parliament, Gary Anandasangaree for bringing this important motion to the house. We would also like to thank the Government of Canada, all federal political parties including the Liberal party of Canada, Conservative Party of Canada, New Democratic Party, Green Party of Canada, Bloc Québécois, and the independents for unanimously passing a historical motion in the House of Commons.

Since the year 2009, **May 18th** is forever etched in the Tamil people’s memory due to the grave pain and agony endured during the height of the Tamil Genocide in Mullivaaikkal in the island of Sri Lanka.

For the very first time May 18th was commemorated as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day in 2013 at Albert Campbell Square, in Canada. This initiation has led to major Canadian cities proclaiming May 18th as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day along with the recognition that atrocities committed against Tamil people constitute a genocide. Following that Toronto, York, Durham and Dufferin and Peel school boards have started recognizing May 18th as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day and indicating their support to the victims of Tamil Genocide. By now, almost all Tamil diaspora organizations have been following



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the same and the prominent media outlets have started to quote May 18th as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day.

May 18th has now been officially declared as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day through a unanimous consent motion, by the Canadian House of Commons.

The recognition of genocide committed against the Tamil people is an important step in the right direction. We request all countries to follow Canada's position and help achieve justice for the victims of Tamil Genocide.

Thank you!

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