

From: Rabbi Audrey Pollack
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Natasha Mistry
Subject: Re: Interfaith Council of Peel Re: Hindu Forum Canada - Request for Call to Prayer

Hi Natasha,

Here is a short statement:

The Interfaith Council of Peel supports the City of Mississauga's resolution to approve the broadcast of calls for prayers to all faiths in the city during this pandemic time. We support these expressions of faith while also reiterating the importance that all such expressions of faith must strictly follow proper precautions regarding mask wearing, social distancing and limiting the group of participants in light of Covid concerns for health and safety. Each faith has ways that outwardly inspire and encourage their congregations and we are in support of the City and Mayor's efforts especially in this very challenging time to enable faith communities and faith leaders to reach out and support our diverse community and bring us together in a spirit of hope and comfort.

The Interfaith Council of Peel

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Also of note: our Hindu representative to ICP responded that this request is coming from one specific temple and is not very different from what happens in Toronto each summer for three days of celebrations of the Hindu faith then proceeding to the Toronto Island.

L'shalom,

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Zeh Hayom Asah Adonai Nagilah v'nis'mecha vo

This is the Day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)