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Motion to Reaffirm Mississauga's Opposition to Quebec Bill 21

Moved: Councillor Tedjo

Seconded:

WHEREAS Quebec Bill 21, *An Act Respecting the Laicity of the State*, prohibits public services from wearing religious symbols such as hijabs, turbans, yarmulkes, crosses, and other forms of personal religious expression;

AND WHEREAS Mississauga is a multicultural city, home to neighbours of many diverse faiths, religions, and cultures, and where everyone is free to practice and express their faith;

AND WHEREAS on October 2019 Mississauga City Council pass a motion opposing Quebec's Bill 21 on the ground that it unfairly targets religious individuals wishing to express their faith;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Quebec pre-emptively used the notwithstanding clause to protect Bill 21 from legal challenges;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court has recently heard the case if this piece of legislation violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mississauga City Council reaffirms its opposition to Quebec Bill 21 and continues to support building a welcoming country and city where everyone has equal opportunity to practice their faith.

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