

## To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Whereas the events in Asian countries during World War II are not well-known;

Whereas Ontarians have not had an opportunity for a thorough discussion and examination of the World War II atrocities in Asia;

Whereas Ontarians are unfamiliar with the World War II atrocities in Asia;

Whereas Ontario is recognized as an inclusive society;

Whereas Ontario is the home to one of the largest Asian populations in Canada, with over 2.6 million in 2011;<sup>1</sup>

Whereas some Ontarians have direct relationships with victims and survivors of the Nanjing Massacre, whose stories are untold;

Whereas the Nanjing Massacre was an atrocity with over 200,000 Chinese civilians and soldiers alike were indiscriminately killed, and tens of thousands of women were sexually assaulted, in the Japanese capture of the city;<sup>2</sup>

Whereas December 13, 2017, marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nanjing Massacre;

Whereas designating December 13<sup>th</sup> in each year as the Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day in Ontario will provide an opportunity for all Ontarians, especially the Asian community, to gather, remember, and honour the victims and families affected by the Nanjing Massacre.

We, the undersigned residents of Ontario, urge the members of the Ontario Legislature to pass Bill 79, declaring Dec. 13 as the Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day.

我們（安大略省簽名居民）敦促安大略省議會議員通過第 79 號法案，宣佈 12 月 13 日為南京大屠殺紀念日。

我们（安大略省签名居民）敦促安大略省议会议员通过第 79 号法案，宣布 12 月 13 日为南京大屠杀纪念日。

12 월 13 일을 남경대학살 기념일로 제정하자는 온주 법안 제 79 법안을 지지함에 아래 청원서에 사인을 합니다.

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Toronto ALPHA, 85 Scarsdale Road, Suite 305, Toronto, ON M3B 2R2 (phone: 416.299.0111)**

<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 99-010-X2011028

<sup>2</sup> John Pritchard and Sonia M. Zaide (eds.), *The Tokyo War Crimes Trial: Volume 22* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1981), 49, 606-49, 609.