

Statement from the Executive Committee of Alliance Quebec

on the adoption of resolutions by the municipalities of Hampstead and Montreal West proposing that the MUC apply for bilingual status.

Tuesday February 9, 1999 - Alliance Quebec applauds the resolutions adopted by the municipalities of Hampstead and Montreal West which propose that the Montreal Urban Community make an application to the Quebec Government for bilingual status so that the MUC may properly serve the almost 40% of MUC residents who are English-speaking. The resolutions that each town has unanimously adopted read in part:

THAT the Municipality of (Hampstead/Montreal West) requests that the MUC officially petitions the Quebec Government to be granted bilingual status granting it the same rights as the institutions included in section 29.1 of the Charter of the French Language.

THAT should the application of the MUC be refused or ignored by the Quebec Government, the Municipality of (Hampstead/Montreal West) requests that the MUC declare itself a bilingual institution and begin to operate fully in both of Canada's official languages.

"This demonstrates that city councillors in Hampstead and Montreal West recognize the true significance of English as well as French on the island of Montreal," stated Alliance Quebec President William Johnson. "It is splendid to see an initiative like this one emanate from our municipal representatives."

Members of Alliance Quebec will attend city council meetings throughout the region to encourage their municipalities to adopt similar resolutions.