To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

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

Whereas the current curriculum in Ontario does not embrace a thorough discussion and examination of the World War II atrocities in Asia;

Whereas Ontario is recognized as a leader in inclusive education;

Whereas Ontario is the home to one of the largest Asian populations in Canada, with over 2.6 million in 2011;¹ Whereas many Ontarians have direct relationships with victims and survivors of the Nanjing Massacre, whose stories are untold;

Whereas the Nanjing Massacre, 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;²

Whereas December 13, 2017, marks the 80th anniversary of the Nanjing Massacre;

Whereas designating December 13th 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, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

That the Legislature pass Bill 79, the Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day and Education Act, 2016 by December 8, 2017 to coincide with the upcoming 80th anniversary of Nanking Massacre commemorative activities which will allow Ontarians, especially those with Asian heritage to honour the victims and families affected by the Nanjing Massacre. Additionally, enable the Minister of Education to assist publicly funded school boards and provide resources to strongly encourage and assist them in educating students about the atrocity.

我们(下面签名的安大略省居民)敦促安大略省议会通过第 79 号法案,宣布 12 月 13 日为南京大屠杀纪念日,并授权教育部长向公立学校提供帮助和资源对学生进行有关南京大屠杀的教育。

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Please ensure original signed copies of this petition are returned to the following address by <u>February 15, 2017</u>: CPAC, 4150 Finch Ave E, Scarborough ON M1S 3T9 (phone: 416.298.7885)

¹ Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 99-010-X2011028

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