

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;¹

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;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 petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

That the Legislature pass the Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day Act, 2016 by December 8, 2017, to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the Nanjing Massacre, which will enable Ontarians, especially those with Asian heritage, to plan commemorative activities to honour the victims and families affected by the Nanjing Massacre.

Name	Address	Signature

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.