

**ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

**B E T W E E N:**

**Amelia Penney-Crocker, Parker Boot-Quackenbush, Khadijat Folasayo Dairo,  
Catherine He, Tharan D'Silva, Katie Yu, Diego Christiansen-Barker, Lachlan  
Brown, Zoey Ann Purves, Jacob Colatosti, Milan Rozotto-Lagos, Oswaldo Paz  
Flores, Lauren Handley and Justice for Children and Youth**

**Applicants**

and

**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN RIGHT OF CANADA**

**Respondent**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF ZOEY ANN PURVES**

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I, ZOEY ANN PURVES, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, student MAKE OATH  
AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. My name is Zoey Purves and I am 17 years old. I am a Grade 12 student at Glebe Collegiate Institute in Ottawa. I live in Ottawa with my mother, father and younger sister. I chose to participate in this constitutional challenge because I believe that it is well overdue that young people get the right to vote. Some of the most pressing issues of our time will only be dealt with if the people with the most to lose have a say on Canada's future.

2. I am fairly active within my school. I have played ringette since I was four years old. I write for my school's newspaper, the Glebe Gazette, mainly focusing on fashion articles. I am also a member of my school's diversity club, where I helped remotely run a Black History Month assembly last school year. I will be heading to university soon, where I plan on pursuing some of my interests, such as psychology, child and youth care, and health and society.
3. I believe Canada needs to act quickly on combatting climate change. Too much is on the line, especially for young people. What the government has done so far to protect the environment is simply not enough. Their policies have been superficial: although a ban on single-use plastics is positive, there needs to be more done. The most pressing and immediate concern is the fact that our rising global temperature is approaching the point of no return. If or when we pass that breaking point, it will be for the future generations – for this generation's young people and those who come after it – to bear the burden of the consequences. There is absolutely no reason to let it come to that. But right now, governments have no incentive to listen to us young people. They are concerned about getting elected or re-elected, but that does not involve engaging with young people because we cannot vote.
4. There are even more issues beyond the environment that require direct and immediate attention. We need real and genuine reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in Canada. Last year, my school had a mandatory Indigenous Voices program in English class, which I took part in. Every book we read was written by an Indigenous author and our projects included components that centred around Indigenous education. Offering critical

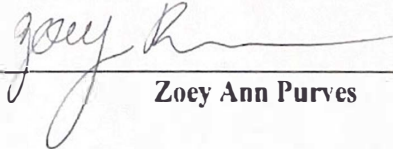
perspectives that do not whitewash Canada's history is only one step in a continuing and necessary process of reconciliation, healing, and education.

5. It is time to recognize that young people are just as valuable in our democratic society as adults. It is time to take seriously the most pressing issues of our time. This requires enfranchising young people like me.
6. I have participated in mock elections in school since elementary school. I learned about strategic voting and this inspired conversations with my friends about how to vote. The last mock election took place while I was taking Civics and we learned a lot about elections at that time. I always paid attention to the results of these elections. I also voted in my school elections since grade 9.

**AFFIRMED REMOTELY BY** Zoey Ann Purves at the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario before me at the Town of Stouffville, in the Province of Ontario on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2021, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.

  
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*Commissioner for Taking Affidavits*

**Athena Josephine Caldarola,**  
a Commissioner, etc., Province of Ontario,  
for Justice for Children and Youth.  
Expires January 8, 2022.

  
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**Zoey Ann Purves**