

## DECLARATION

The ethnic Hungarian community of the city of Torda / Turda / Thorenburg, Romania, and our supporters from the surrounding area hereby declare, on the occasion of the protest meeting held on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2006, that we reject all forms of discriminative behaviour which hinders us, as a community, in the exercise of our rights.

It offends our community profoundly that the local council decided on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2006 to remove from its agenda the draft bill in which we requested authorisation in principle to re-establish a Hungarian-language school.

We also protest against the tone which some adopted towards representatives of our community and which may have contributed directly to the death of our Unitarian minister, László Kiss. We wholly reject the atmosphere and intolerance which is directed against our Hungarian identity.

Although almost three months have passed since we requested that our draft bill be placed on the agenda, no progress has been made on the issue, despite promises made to the contrary by the Mayor. We do not accept this behaviour, which is obviously aimed at postponing forever the resolution of our demands. We will also not be scared off by the repeated incidents of intimidation.

We have not abandoned and will not abandon our legitimate request. The participants of the current meeting demand the approval in principle which is needed for the creation of an independent Hungarian-language school in Torda, in accordance with the legal norms set out in the Constitution.

We vigorously request the local council to include on the agenda of its June meeting the draft bill which will be tabled to the body in our name by our councillors.

The Hungarian community of the city of Torda / Turda / Thorenburg, in accordance with the spiritual inheritance which was bequeathed to it by its ancestors in adopting the Declaration of Freedom of Religion and Conscience in 1568 at the Diet of Torda, would like to contribute in a constructive way to the flourishing of the city and the peaceful coexistence of our peoples.