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CELEBRATING CANADIAN MULTICULTURALISM DAY

Toronto - June 27, 2026: On November 13, 2002, the Government of Canada, by Royal Proclamation declared June 27th of each year **Canadian Multiculturalism Day**. It is a day wherein we recognize and acknowledge Canada's rich diversity and the significant contributions that ethnocultural communities have made and ardently continue to make in shaping and enriching our great country.

There is an ever-growing yearning of **PEACE** in today's society especially in view of the ongoing horrific wars in the world; global economic strife; ever-increasing incidents of violence; hatred and racism; infringements of human rights and freedoms. Peace, for which we all hope and pray for, brings serenity, comfort, compassion, understanding, all of which is a fundamental tenet of multiculturalism.

In light of the aforementioned, Mr. Campione is reminded of the following words stated by the late Father of Multiculturalism, Senator Paul Yuzyk, in his Maiden Speech in the Senate of Canada in 1964,

" Canada's future and greatness will depend not so much upon the exploitation of her natural resources as upon proper development of her human resources, both of which we have in variety. If we succeed, and we are well on the road to succeeding, to evolve the pattern of unity in continuing diversity through application of the principle of Confederation and compromise, this will serve as precedent for other states in the world having similar population and cultural problems. It will be Canada's contribution to the world. I shall venture to go farther. **In Canada we have the world in miniature. World peace and order could be achieved if the principles of unity in continuing diversity, brotherhood, compromise and the recognition of freedom and dignity of individuals and nations are honestly applied**".

- **Senator Paul Yuzyk (1913-1986)**

"On **Canadian Multiculturalism Day** let us reflect and give homage to not only those people who have come from every corner of the world and by working together in the spirit of understanding, compromise, contributed to building this Country of ours, but also to the precious values of equality, mutual respect and democracy that are at the forefront of our diversity and the qualities which make Canada such a great nation and the envy of the world. Multiculturalism is a cornerstone of our values and a very fundamental part of our Canadian identity as well as the instrument of **PEACE**. Let us together celebrate **Canadian Multiculturalism Day** and be proud of our rich diversity and thereby embrace our identity and heritage." concludes Dominic Campioe, President.

The Canadian Ethnocultural Council is a non-profit, non partisan coalition of national ethnocultural organizations. The CEC works to promote the understanding of the multicultural reality of Canada thereby ensuring equal opportunity and dignity for all Canadians regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, and ancestry, as defined in The Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Multiculturalism Act.

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