



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

# PROCLAMATION

## Proclamation: Journée internationale de la Francophonie 2018

WHEREAS a vibrant Francophone community has been present in Manitoba since the 18<sup>th</sup> Century; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba government wishes to recognize the key role played by Francophones in the founding and building of Manitoba, and their importance to Manitoba's future; and

WHEREAS the Francophone community is a fundamental characteristic of the Manitoban identity, a precious heritage to be preserved and an asset to be shared and drawn upon; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba government continues to acknowledge the contribution of the Francophone community to the province's economic and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba government is committed to supporting the development and vitality of Manitoba's Francophone community following the enactment of The Francophone Community Enhancement and Support Act; and

WHEREAS Francophiles and newcomers enhance and expand the Manitoban Francophonie, making it more diversified and inclusive; and

WHEREAS Francophone communities across the world celebrate their culture and language on the third Monday of March each year; and

WHEREAS the year 2018 marks the bicentennial of the Archidiocèse de Saint-Boniface, and the Université de Saint-Boniface celebrates 200 years of education in French in Manitoba;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN THAT I, Rochelle Squires, Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2018 as the JOURNÉE INTERNATIONALE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE IN MANITOBA and commend its observation to all citizens of our Province.**

Original signed by

Honourable Rochelle Squires  
Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs

