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Message from Honourable Heather Klimchuk Minister of Culture

As Minister responsible for culture in Alberta, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone commemorating International Mother Language Day.

The late Nelson Mandela once wrote, "Without language, one cannot talk to people and understand them; one cannot share their hopes and aspirations, grasp their history, appreciate their poetry, or savor their songs." In Alberta and throughout the world, International Mother Language Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the importance of linguistic and cultural diversity. As a province home to individuals of many backgrounds, this occasion also offers Albertans an opportunity to recognize the diversity we have here at home and to encourage our residents to preserve or learn their mother tongue.

I want to thank members of the Bangladesh Heritage and Ethnic Society of Alberta for your work throughout the year promoting Bangladeshi heritage and traditions, and for helping to raise the profile of International Mother Language Day in our province.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration!

Heather Klimchuk
Minister