



**Message From
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International Mother Language Day Message

for the Bangladesh Heritage and Ethnic Society of Alberta:

International Mother Language Day, also known as *Shohid Dibôsh*, advocates for multilingual education and tolerance, acknowledging the significant role that language plays within society.

Language is a critical component of one's identity and culture. By recognizing mother languages, we cultivate understanding – which in turn helps create more inclusive societies and a world richer in cultural experiences.

Throughout the course of history many individuals have fought to protect linguistic rights and freedoms; so today, as we celebrate linguistic diversity, we also honour their struggles for language preservation.

On behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, I want to congratulate and thank the Bangladesh Heritage and Ethnic Society of Alberta for marking this important occasion. Thank you for your continued support of language and cultural diversity in Alberta.

Honourable Gene Zwozdesky
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta