



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

- WHEREAS** Hundreds of mother languages across the world face extinction causing demise of rich cultures, heritages, customs and folk knowledge; and
- WHEREAS** Universal human rights comprise people's drive toward preservation of culture and heritage, and educational and scientific advancement through mother languages; and
- WHEREAS** The world communities remember with utmost veneration the language movement martyrs in Bangladesh Language Movement of 1952; and
- WHEREAS** The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declares 21st February as the International Mother Language Day in solidarity with ongoing and emerging indigenous language rights movements across the globe; and
- WHEREAS** UNESCO declaration inspires global citizens to observe the day for joining hands to uphold sanctity, modesty and pride of mother tongue through voicing resistance against cultural domination; and
- WHEREAS** Manitoba as a multicultural mosaic and land of linguistic diversity, promotes cultural activism toward preservation of mother language, restoration of dying languages, and salvaging marginalized languages from extinction; and
- WHEREAS** The Government of Manitoba recognizes the significance and joins in the celebration of The International Mother Language Day and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT the Province of Manitoba do hereby proclaim every February 21 as the

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

And commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province.


Flor Marcelino