



THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO
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As Her Majesty The Queen's representative in Ontario, I happily recognize May as Museum Month in this province, and I am with you in spirit as you mark International Museum Day.

This year's theme, *Museums as Cultural Hubs: The Future of Tradition*, is a fitting descriptor of the state of museums all across Ontario: these vital cultural institutions are taking care to reflect the changing diversity of the communities they serve. There is increasing understanding that museums are not merely static preservers of artifacts, but rather dynamic places where people of all backgrounds may come together in dialogue and learn about issues that matter.

Museums are indispensable to our future resilience as a society, offering valuable context and perspective amid proliferating echo chambers and misinformation, and reminding us that humanity has always solved challenges, and will continue to do so, by working together, listening to one another's voices, and sharing our stories.

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