



Premier of Ontario – Premier ministre de l'Ontario



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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone celebrating Italian Heritage Month.

As Premier of a province that is home to many citizens of Italian descent, I am proud to recognize Ontario's first official celebration of Italian Heritage Month, a result of last year's passage in the legislature of the *Italian Heritage Month Act*. This is an ideal opportunity for Italian Canadians to celebrate their culture, and for Ontarians from all backgrounds to learn more about the many Canadians of Italian descent who have helped to define and distinguish our province.

This year also marks the 150th anniversary of the unification of Italy. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the people of Italy and to Italian Canadians on this significant anniversary. Ontarians join you in celebrating this important occasion, and we share your desire for Italy's ongoing success.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable Italian Heritage Month.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dalton McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier