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Message from Honourable Ed Stelmach Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I am pleased to extend sincere congratulations to Canada's Italian community on the 150th anniversary of the unification of Italy.

Italian-Canadians have long played an important role in the development of Canada. Today in Alberta, there are over 82,000 people of Italian descent. In the late 19th century, Italian immigrants worked as farmers, coal miners and railway workers to help establish a solid foundation for Alberta. Post-World War II Italian immigrants tended to settle in Alberta's urban centres, such as Calgary and Edmonton, greatly enhancing the strong and diverse multicultural fabric of our cities. Undoubtedly, Italian culture has made an indelible mark on Canadian identity.

Once again, congratulations to all Italian-Canadians. I wish everyone an enjoyable month of June as you take part in the many celebratory events being held to honour and to celebrate Italian heritage.

Ed Stelmach

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