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Legislative Assembly Honours Alberta's Francophone Community

EDMONTON – “Cultural diversity is essential to building a strong and vibrant society,” said Robert E. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. “Through sharing its language and culture, Alberta’s francophone community has contributed greatly toward the success of our province over the past 200 years. Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie is an annual event in honour of French culture in Canada and one which I hope we will continue to celebrate for generations to come.”

Speaker Wanner will host a public ceremony in the Legislature Building rotunda on March 2, 2016, beginning at noon.

Remarks will be brought by Members of the Legislative Assembly and francophone community leaders:

- Mr. Jean Johnson, president, l'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta
- Mr. Randy Boissonault, MP for Edmonton Centre
- Mr. Ric McIver, MLA, leader, Progressive Conservative opposition
- Mr. Brian Jean, MLA, leader, Official Opposition
- Honourable Ricardo Miranda, MLA, Minister of Culture and Tourism

Following the official remarks there will be a musical performance by Karimah, an Edmonton-based bilingual R & B artist.

After the ceremony guests will be invited outside to enjoy hot beverages and maple toffee on snow, a traditional French-Canadian treat, courtesy of the French Canadian Association of Alberta.

Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie will run from March 3 to 23, hosting thousands of activities across Canada in celebration of French-Canadian culture in its many forms, from theatre to art, education to literature, music to dance.

Close to 400,000 Albertans are of French descent, and over 230,000 Albertans speak French.

For more information visit:

Alberta Legislative Assembly website: assembly.ab.ca

Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie 2016 website: rvf.ca

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