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Alberta Legislative Assembly Observes Black Ribbon Day

EDMONTON – On August 23, 2014, Black Ribbon Day will be commemorated at the Alberta Legislature in remembrance of those affected by the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact of 1939, a treaty between Hitler's Nazi and Stalin's Soviet regimes that led to the start of the Second World War.

The Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, will host the annual Black Ribbon Day ceremony in the Legislature Building rotunda on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

"We observe Black Ribbon Day in remembrance of the millions who were victimized during the Nazi and Communist regimes," said Speaker Zwozdesky. "Alberta is home to many of the survivors and refugees of these atrocities, and Black Ribbon Day is an opportunity for us to support them and to condemn such crimes against humanity."

The Black Ribbon Day ceremony will include performances by the Csárdás Hungarian Folkdance Ensemble and violinists Alicja Warszynski and Tatiana Warszynski.

Remarks will be delivered by:

- Mr. David Xiao, MLA, Edmonton-McClung (on behalf of Premier Hancock)
- Mr. Rod Fox, MLA, Lacombe-Ponoka (on behalf of the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition)
- Hon. Laurie Hawn, Member of Parliament, Edmonton Centre
- Ena Rudovics, Honorary Consul of Latvia
- Tersea Szlamp-Fryga, Canadian Polish Congress
- Anna Szenthe, Canadian Hungarian Heritage Association
- Olesia Luciwi-Andryjowycz, Ukrainian Canadian Congress (Alberta)
- Dr. Joseph Patrouch, Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies

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