



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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Glen Resler Officially Sworn in as Alberta's Seventh Chief Electoral Officer

Edmonton – Alberta's seventh Chief Electoral Officer was officially sworn in today at a ceremony hosted by the Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Alberta Legislative Assembly. Remarks were also brought by the Honourable Dave Hancock, Deputy Premier and Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, on behalf of the Premier; Danielle Smith, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition; Raj Sherman, Leader of the Liberal Opposition; Brian Mason, Leader of the New Democrat Opposition; and Everett McDonald, MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky, on behalf of the Legislative Offices Committee and the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee.

"As an independent Officer of the Legislature, Alberta's Chief Electoral Officer upholds the democratic process at the provincial level of governance in our province," said the Speaker. "This is an enormous responsibility and at times a formidable challenge – a challenge that can be carried only by an individual who has proven himself to be community minded, public-service oriented and knowledgeable of our province and its citizens. I am happy to say that we have found such an individual in Glen Resler."

Glen Resler is no stranger to Elections Alberta, having served as the Director of Registrations and Financial Operations for the office from 1999 to 2006. In addition, Mr. Resler served as Staff Auditor with the Office of the Auditor General, Director of Corporate Services with the Office of the Ombudsman, and Chief Administrative Officer with the Office of the Ethics Commissioner. In all, Mr. Resler has 23 years of public service experience.

The Chief Electoral Officer is a nonpartisan Officer of the Legislature, responsible for a variety of duties under Alberta's *Election Act*, *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*.

The Chief Electoral Officer is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council following the passage of a motion by the Legislative Assembly. The Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, mandated with selecting a new Chief Electoral Officer, recommended the appointment of Glen Resler to the role.

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