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Alberta Legislature Salutes Alberta's French Population with les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie

EDMONTON – “Alberta’s francophone community covers all regions of this great province and plays an important role by contributing to every aspect of our success,” said the Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. “*Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie* gives us all an opportunity to recognize the history and vibrancy of French culture in Alberta.”

This year marks the 16th anniversary of *les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie*, a national event promoting the French language and its numerous cultural expressions. With over 390,000 Albertans of French descent Alberta's francophone population is one of the largest and fastest growing in Canada.

This year *les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie* events will take place all across Canada from March 7 to 23.

Speaker Zwozdesky will host a celebration in the Legislature Building rotunda on March 10, 2014, beginning at 11 a.m.

The following will be in attendance and will offer remarks:

- The Honourable Alison Redford, MLA, Premier of Alberta
- Ms. Danielle Smith, MLA, Leader of Her Majesty’s Loyal Opposition
- Dr. Raj Sherman, MLA, Leader of the Liberal Opposition
- Mr. Deron Bilous, MLA, on behalf of Mr. Brian Mason, Leader of the New Democrat Opposition
- Mr. Jean Johnson, President, Association canadienne-française de l’Alberta

The event will feature a musical performance of “Je voudrais voir la mer” by the Holy Cross Académie Internationale School Choir. Also in attendance will be students from Richard Secord Elementary School.

For more information visit:

Alberta Legislative Assembly website: assembly.ab.ca

Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie 2014 website: rvf.ca

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