Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques

The Rt. Hon. Mary Simon

Your excellency,

On behalf of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations- Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB), we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the Governor General of Canada and recognize the unique historical opportunity that you represent as the first Indigenous person to be appointed to this role.

CFLA-FCAB is the united voice of Canada's libraries. We work to influence public policy, advance library excellence, and raise the visibility of libraries in Canada to advance our national intellectual, social, economic, and cultural success. One of the most important areas that we work in is addressing how Canada's libraries can deepen efforts towards Indigenous truth and reconciliation by providing access to information and literature, educating library users on Indigenous history, and supporting libraries in efforts to preserve and celebrate Indigenous knowledge, languages and culture. With the U.N. International Decade of Indigenous Languages coming up in 2022, we are all looking forward to continuing this work.

We appreciate that your role as Governor General of Canada is dynamic, but if you have any questions about CFLA-FCAB please do not hesitate to reach out to us at info@cfla-fcab.ca as we would be happy to discuss our organization and work at greater length with you.

Sincerely,

Todd Kyle, Chair

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