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## MEDIA RELEASE

### SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY

The Government of Saskatchewan and the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) are proud to partner in proclaiming November 14 -22 Saskatchewan Multicultural Week. Annual events include [\*MCoS Multicultural Honours: A Celebration of Multicultural Contributions\*](#) at Government House on November 14<sup>th</sup> followed by a [\*Multicultural Celebration\*](#) on November 15<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the MacKenzie Art Gallery.

“Our growing diversity is an important cornerstone in our province’s growth and prosperity,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. “By celebrating multiculturalism, we recognize that our different experiences lead to our collective strength.”

Saskatchewan Multicultural Week is celebrated every year in November to recognize the Saskatchewan Multiculturalism Act. It is an opportunity to recognize our growing diversity, encourage respect for the multicultural heritage in Saskatchewan and foster harmonious relations among people with unique cultural and ethnic backgrounds. It also serves to preserve, strengthen and promote Aboriginal cultures and acknowledge their historic and current contributions to the development of Saskatchewan.

This year’s theme is *Strength in Diversity* with a focus on multicultural values. Each year, MCoS produces and distributes the resource, *Building Welcoming Communities*, to Saskatchewan schools as well as members, friends and partners. This year’s document will help people adopt these multicultural values and put them into practice. It is available for download here: [\*Building Welcoming Communities\*](#).

“MCoS is proud to celebrate Saskatchewan Multicultural Week. This year we celebrate the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Saskatchewan Multiculturalism Act by reflecting on the multicultural values that shape Saskatchewan,” said MCoS Executive Director Rhonda Rosenberg. “MCoS encourages everyone to put the values of respecting diversity, recognizing and rejecting racism, intercultural connections and integration in the community into practice. This is how we will cultivate a shared prosperous future for Saskatchewan.”

This year, various cities are recognizing multiculturalism within their communities by holding special events and proclaiming Saskatchewan Multicultural Week in their communities. View this information here: [\*Saskatchewan Multicultural Week 2015\*](#).

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**About the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS)**

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan is a charitable, non-profit organization committed to promoting, fostering, improving and developing multiculturalism in the cultural, economic, social and political life of Saskatchewan while working to achieve equality of all residents. We support member organizations in a variety of ways, including workshops, investments in their activities that implement our mission, aims and objectives, networking and information, and being the lead voice on multiculturalism in the province. We also support anti-racism and multicultural education activities in schools. We celebrate significant dates, such as Saskatchewan Multicultural Week in November, Black History Month in February, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21st, Hispanic Heritage Month in April, Asian Heritage Month in May, National Aboriginal History Month in June, and Celebrate Canada from June 21st to July 1st. For more information, please visit [mcos.ca](http://mcos.ca) and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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