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It is with great pleasure that I extend my sincere greetings to the Hungarian-Canadian community who are commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution and Freedom Uprising of October 23rd , 1956.

The Hungarian Revolution and Freedom Uprising of 1956 was a defining moment in Hungarian and Canadian History. Canada was the first country to accept Hungarian refugees, taking in 37,565. This large influx of refugees was a turning point in Canadian immigration and officially became a part of Canadian National Heritage in 2010. The Hungarians helped mold Canadian society and continue contributing to the growth of Canada in many different ways – from developments in manufacturing, forestry, the film industry, and working in government.

The exciting series of events planned pay tribute to a historic event that forever binds Canada and Hungary in a story of courage, compassion and generosity. Please accept my best wishes for these events in commemoration of 1956, and my sincerest greetings to the Hungarian-Canadian community.

With kind regards,

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