



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

## **A Personal Message from the Premier**

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am honoured to join Canada's Hungarian community in commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.

The revolt against the Communist government, which began in October 1956, was tragically defeated by Soviet military invasion. Following the uprising, some 200,000 Hungarians fled their homeland, with over 37,000 refugees being admitted to Canada. This represented a vigorous response on the part of the St-Laurent government, one endorsed by the many Canadians whose hearts had been touched by the plight of the refugees.

I am proud to say that one-third of the Hungarians who came to Canada were resettled in and welcomed to Ontario. In adding their uniqueness to our province's multicultural fabric and in becoming an integral part of our society, Hungarian Canadians have helped make Ontario even stronger and more dynamic. I am grateful for the community's many enduring contributions.

I wish to acknowledge the Embassy of Hungary in Ottawa, the Consulate General of Hungary in Toronto, the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and Freedom Fight 60th Anniversary Memorial Board, and the Rákóczi Foundation for their role in ensuring that this special anniversary is given its due and deserved recognition.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable anniversary celebration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

**Kathleen Wynne**  
**Premier**