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## 20th Anniversary Diwali Celebration and Annual Dinner Gala

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diwali Celebration and Annual Dinner Gala, hosted by the Gujarati Cultural Association of the Golden Triangle.

This holiday reflects the triumph of good over evil and the power of knowledge and hope over ignorance and despair. Diwali brings some of the world's great faiths together and celebrates our shared values of respect, inclusion, and pluralism.

As family and friends come together to light diyas, share meals, and reflect on how to help those less fortunate, we are reminded that Canada's diversity is a unique blessing. This year, as we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's Confederation, let us take the opportunity to honour the many cultures, traditions, and beliefs that make our country a wonderful place to live.

On behalf of our family, Sophie and I wish all those celebrating a very happy Diwali.

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