



IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL SENIORS DAY AND UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

Canadian Association of Retired Persons

October 1, 2013

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending this flag raising ceremony to mark National Seniors Day and the United Nations International Day of Older Persons.

It is an honour to add my voice to this ceremony as, across the country, Canadians pay tribute to the contributions of seniors to our communities, workplaces and society.

Seniors bring valuable perspective and experience to our workplaces. They enrich our economy through their skills. And they bring a sense of history and stability to our families and communities. That is why we are working to ensure that seniors have access to quality services and supports in order to lead healthy and independent lives, in their homes and communities.

Today is also an opportunity to talk about a new model for aging — and how to support seniors' needs for financial stability, access to healthcare and freedom from discrimination. We look forward to an ongoing dialogue and collaboration as we work to ensure that all seniors get the supports they need — and the respect they deserve

Please accept my best wishes for a meaningful day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen Wynne".

**Kathleen Wynne
Premier**

Presented by the Honourable Mario Sergio
Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs