



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to members of the Turkish Canadian community as they celebrate National Sovereignty and Children's Day.

April 23, 1920 marked the end of the Ottoman Empire and the beginning of the modern Turkish republic. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Turkish Republic, dedicated April 23 to Turkey's children, a recognition that young people represent the voice of hope for a brighter future. I believe it is vitally important that we listen to young people and give them every opportunity to help bring about positive change in their communities and in the world.

My colleagues in government and I are committed to giving our province's children the best possible start in life, preparing youth to become productive adults and making it easier for families to receive key services at all stages of a child's development.

I would also like to take this occasion to recognize the significant contributions of Turkish Canadians to the social, cultural and economic life of Ontario. The members of our province's Turkish Canadian community have distinguished themselves in every sphere of endeavour — from the arts and culture to business and academics.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration of National Sovereignty and Children's Day.

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

Kathleen Wynne
Premier