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**Message from the Governor General on the occasion of the
30th anniversary of the Métis Nation of Ontario**

I am pleased to send greetings to everyone taking part in this annual gathering, and who are marking significant milestones in Métis history.

Ever since I became governor general two years ago, I have seen changes happening in our communities. A greater understanding of truth, a willingness to embrace diversity and treat others with respect. A shared desire among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples alike to create a truly equal country and to pass our wisdom on to the next generation.

This is the essence of reconciliation. It is not a singular project with an end date, but an ever-evolving journey on which we must all travel together. I commend all of you for your commitment to preserving and advancing Métis culture, and I wish everyone a memorable experience.

Mary Simon