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**I**n 2017, we will celebrate a milestone in our country's history: the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation. I am delighted by the excellent partnership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to make 2017 a year to remember.

**I** invite all municipalities to name Canada 150 Community Leaders. These leaders, in your communities, will promote local celebrations and help build excitement for Canada 150 from coast to coast to coast.

**F**our themes will be woven into these celebrations: diversity and inclusion, our young people, our environment and our reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples.

**T**hank you for making the Canada 150 celebration memorable for Canadians in your communities.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'M. Joly'.

The Honourable Mélanie Joly