

PROCLAMATION

FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

WHEREAS, in May 18th, 2010, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario enacted the Franco-Ontarian Day Act, 2010 proclaiming September 25 in each year as the Franco-Ontarian Day; and

WHEREAS, the Franco-Ontarian Day Act recognizes that Franco-Ontarians commemorate September 25 to celebrate their language and heritage and also take pride in their collective accomplishments. September 25 is the anniversary of the first unveiling of the Franco-Ontarian flag in Sudbury in 1975; the Franco-Ontarian Emblem Act, 2001 recognizes the flag as the emblem of the Francophone community of Ontario; and

WHEREAS, by proclaiming September 25th as Franco-Ontarian Day, this Act officially recognizes the contributions of the Francophone community of Ontario to the social, economic and political life of the Province and the community's importance in Ontario's society; and

WHEREAS, French is one of the two official languages of Canada and French language has been spoken in Ontario since the 17th century; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Mauro, Mayor of the City of Thunder Bay, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2019 "Franco-Ontarian Day" in the City of Thunder Bay.

**BILL MAURO,
MAYOR**

