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Dear Ministers Johnson and Cullen,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA), we are writing to express our support for the establishment of an annual Local Government Awareness Week in Manitoba.

Across Canada, jurisdictions such as Saskatchewan and Ontario celebrate Local Government under Provincial proclamation, and we believe that a similar occasion would be beneficial, not only for showcasing the important programming, supports and services provided at the local level across Manitoba but for also marking our province's proud democratic heritage and future.

As you are aware, the work of local governments affects the lives of Manitoba residents every day. Local governments are responsible for everything from educating the province's youth to building and maintaining the local roads residents use. Locally elected governments represent the voices of the people they serve and provide connections and accountability to their communities.

We would therefore invite our province to recognize the important work that leaders of all communities and local government organizations do each and every day. Heads of Council, councillors, chairs, trustees and administrative officials all play roles that contribute to the quality of life for all Manitobans.

In closing, thank you for your attention to this matter and we shall look forward to hearing from you regarding how we can collaborate and partner on the launch of such an important annual celebration here in Manitoba.

Yours sincerely,

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