



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

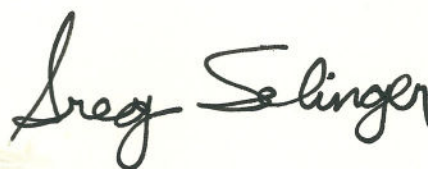
PROCLAMATION

YEAR OF WOMEN TRUSTEES

- WHEREAS** 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of many women in Manitoba first gaining the right to vote in provincial elections; and
- WHEREAS** Full democratic citizenship involves not just the right to cast a ballot but also to participate completely in all aspects of the democratic process, including standing for and holding public office; and
- WHEREAS** School boards in Manitoba have been the local voice for delivering educational services to our youth since 1870; and
- WHEREAS** Women have promoted and advanced public education in Manitoba by serving in the role of school board trustee since 1890; and
- WHEREAS** Women trustees have broken social and cultural barriers and stood for public equality in Manitoba; and
- WHEREAS** Manitoba's women trustees have achieved important firsts, including Rose Cherniak Alcin, the first Jewish woman to hold political office in Canada; Marie-Antoinette Lemaire, the first Franco-Manitoban woman to serve as trustee; Mary Dyma, the first Ukrainian woman to serve as trustee in Manitoba; Inez Stevenson, the first Afro-Caribbean women to serve as trustee and hold political office in Manitoba; and Linda Ballantyne, the first woman of First Nations ancestry to serve as school board chairperson in Manitoba; and
- WHEREAS** Following the last school trustee elections in Fall 2014, women have achieved majority standing in the trusteeship for the first time in our province's history,
- NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I, Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim that 2016 be designated as the**

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in Manitoba and I commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province.



PREMIER OF MANITOBA