



AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF MANITOBA

2012 will be a special year for Canada and indeed for most of the world as the entire Commonwealth celebrates the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's reign.

For 60 years Her Majesty has served the people of Canada and the Commonwealth with an unwavering and unrelenting discipline of dedication, integrity, kindness and compassion.

Manitoba has always enjoyed a very special relationship with Her Majesty and The Royal Family and as Her Majesty's representative for this beautiful province it is my hope that all Manitobans will embrace this historic once-in-a-lifetime occasion and join in the local, provincial and national celebrations that are being planned.

Although national, provincial and territorial initiatives from coast to coast to coast are still being fine-tuned, I am pleased to report that work and planning has already started on a number of fronts in Manitoba to recognize and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Over the next several months, I will be sending out updates through the community newspapers and via my website on what is planned at the provincial and national levels – however, I also want to encourage all Manitobans, whether you belong to a community club or serve on a municipal council, to give some thought as to how your organization, community or municipality can mark this historic event.

If your community shares a special connection with the monarchy the Diamond Jubilee planning committee would like to hear about it. Please email them at:
diamondjubilee@leg.gov.mb.ca

2012 is going to be an exciting year for all Manitobans and I look forward to meeting many of you and sharing in the celebrations ahead as we recognize and thank Her Majesty for 60 years of unparalleled service.

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Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba