



The Dene Nation extends our congratulations to the 30th Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honorable Mary Simon, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D. Governor General of Canada.

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July 26, 2021, Denendeh, NWT – The Dene Nation/Assembly of First Nations Northwest Territories extends our congratulations to Her Excellency the Right Honorable Mary Simon, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D. Governor General of Canada.

Canada has recognized the contributions of Indigenous peoples by the appointment of Her Excellency Mary Simon and her work to promote Canadian Indigenous rights and interests. We are in a time of reflection, and transformation as a country. It is more important than ever that we come together to collaborate on reconciling our past for a strengthened future. We the Dene Nation support the first action which recognizes Indigenous people's culture, language, and traditions as part of our Canadian medicine bundle. The Dene Nation acknowledges Her Excellency as a first language speaker and support her right to be recognized as bilingual. Canada is many peoples. Our first languages must be honoured and respected as the true word of the people.

The Governor General's role is the federal viceregal representative of the Queen in Canada. Her Excellency the Right Honorable Mary Simon, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D. Governor General of Canada, has worked tirelessly as Ambassador to the Circumpolar Regions of the world. Her work has been to advocate for Inuit and Circumpolar Peoples on their rights to maintain their Indigenous ways of being.

The path forward is brighter. We the united Dene Nation raise our drums in honour of our new Governor General and extend our invitation to visit our people and carry her message.

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