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Greetings from the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to those attending the Festival of Indian Heritage, organized by the Indo-Canadian Cultural Association of Durham Inc. On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Indo-Canadians for your contribution to a diverse and multicultural Canada.

As you celebrate India's Independence Day, I invite you to reflect on the many valuable contributions that people of Indian descent have made to Canada. The Indian community has long enriched Canadian society with skills, knowledge and talent, and your efforts continue to contribute to the social, economic and political fabric of our country. From Deepak Obrhai to Russell Peters, Canadians of Indian descent continue to have a great impact on our society.

I am proud to live in a country that embraces diversity and champions the Canadian values of democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law. The Indo-Canadian Cultural Association of Durham helps contribute to that diversity, for through events like India's Independence Day celebration, we are all given the opportunity to share and appreciate the various traditions of our families, friends and neighbours. Canada is a great pluralistic success story, but it is contributions like these that help make that story even greater.

Thank you for your dedicated contributions and best wishes for a wonderful event.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism



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