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NATIONAL PEACEKEEPERS DAY

Dear fellow Canadians,

On behalf of the *Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association* (CPVA) I wish to bring to your attention that, Thursday, **August 9th**, our veterans, military personnel, police and peace officers will commemorate our *National Peacekeepers Day* across Canada.

National Peacekeepers Day was proposed to recognize the service of Canadians past, present and future in the service of peace. This day in Canada is about commemoration; of Canadian peacekeepers and their families; recognition and thanks to those who help make peacekeeping duty less arduous; and remembering our fallen comrades who have made the ultimate sacrifice on the field of honour in the service of peace.

True to the mission of our association, it is our duty to remind everyone of this moral and patriotic obligation to observe with pride our *National Peacekeepers Day* by a gesture of solidarity with our peacekeeping veterans, military personnel, police and peace officers.

I invite you to observe this day, the **9th of August**, with a simple private thought, by observing a minute of silence, or by gathering in small groups at an appropriate place to render homage to the 124 Canadian Peacekeepers who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the service of peace in the world as well as for those who are serving at this time amidst danger and strife in far away countries. We also remember our 66 fallen comrades who have given their lives fighting for peace in Afghanistan.

In order to ensure a solemn visibility on this commemorative day, you might dress in blue and white, post this letter, or even display the United Nations flag. On the **9th of August**, if you meet a veteran, a member of the military, a police officer or a peace officer, I invite you to shake their hand, and say a simple: '**THANK YOU**'.

In the service of peace,

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