



MESSAGE FROM
HONOURABLE GENE ZWOZDESKY, SPEAKER
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From as far away as Bangladesh to the heart of Alberta, the world's Bengali-speaking population – at over 200 million strong – unites annually in celebration of *Pôhela Boishakh*.

May the New Year bring prosperity and a renewed sense of community to Bengali-speaking Canadians. It is my sincere hope that throughout the year you will continue to promote the linguistic and cultural roots of Bengal and also to showcase your rich history and tradition for everyone to enjoy.

On behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, I want to thank the Bangladesh Heritage and Ethnic Society of Alberta for your passionate promotion of linguistic and cultural diversity in Alberta. As a result of your continued commitment the year ahead holds much promise. Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Zwozdesky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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