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An Act to proclaim Ethnic Media and Community Media Appreciation Week

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2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



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Preamble

Ontario is home to millions of residents who speak, read or understand languages in addition to Canada's official languages. Ethnic media outlets, including print, radio, television and digital publications that operate in languages other than English and French, play an important role in reflecting and supporting Ontario's linguistic and cultural diversity. These outlets help ensure that Ontarians from diverse backgrounds remain informed about public affairs, public services and community issues in languages they understand.

Similarly, community media outlets play a vital role in Ontario's communities. These outlets provide coverage of local issues, civic institutions and neighbourhood events, helping residents remain informed, engaged and connected to the communities in which they live.

Together, ethnic media and community media outlets contribute to a vibrant and diverse media landscape across the province. By reporting on issues that matter to specific communities and neighbourhoods, these publications strengthen civic awareness, encourage participation in public life and provide a bridge between individuals, cultures and institutions across Ontario.

Furthermore, ethnic media publications help make information about Ontario accessible abroad, particularly in countries where languages other than Canada's official languages are spoken.

By proclaiming Ethnic Media and Community Media Appreciation Week, the Province of Ontario recognizes the enduring importance of both ethnic media and community media outlets in supporting informed, engaged and connected communities across the province in a changing news landscape.

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Ethnic Media and Community Media Appreciation Week

1 The week beginning on May 1 in each year is proclaimed as Ethnic Media and Community Media Appreciation Week.

Commencement

2 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

3 The short title of this Act is the *Ethnic Media and Community Media Appreciation Week Act, 2026*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill proclaims the week beginning on May 1 in each year as Ethnic Media and Community Media Appreciation Week.