



Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

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## **A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER**

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone celebrating the declaration of 2012 as the International Year of Cooperatives by the United Nations.

Cooperatives contribute to virtually every facet of our global economy. These democratically run associations care about the needs of their members, the vitality of their communities and the sustainability of the enterprises they represent. In Canada, cooperatives boast a proud history of enriching our communities, strengthening our society and building our nation.

In 2012, citizens around the world pay tribute to the vital role cooperatives play in ensuring the well-being of individuals and communities through their commitment to social responsibility and sustainable development. My colleagues and I join Ontarians, Canadians everywhere and the global community in celebrating the International Year of Cooperatives.

As we work together to build a better world, please accept my sincere best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dalton McGuinty**  
Premier