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GREETINGS

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, French-speaking people have been exploring Yukon, settling in the territory and contributing to its development for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, French-speaking people enrich Yukon culturally, economically and socially; and

WHEREAS, French is one of Canada's two official languages and is an integral part of the historical, cultural and linguistic fabric of the country; and

WHEREAS, the Association franco-yukonnaise has existed since 1982, working with community and government partners to develop services necessary for a vibrant French-speaking community in Yukon; and

WHEREAS, a day highlighting the historical, cultural, economic and social contribution of French-speaking people to Yukon will encourage awareness, appreciation and celebration of the French Language and of Francophone culture amongst all Yukon citizens;

THEREFORE, I, Geraldine Van Bibber, Commissioner of Yukon, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 15, 2010 to be

"JOURNÉE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE YUKONNAISE"

in Yukon and invite all Yukon people to join in the festivities as the Yukon French-speaking community celebrates this special day!

GIVEN UNDER my hand and seal at Whitehorse, Yukon
on *26 April*, 2010.



G. Van Bibber

Commissioner of Yukon