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## Assembly of Azerbaijani Canadian Organizations

*On behalf of the Canadian Azerbaijan Parliamentary  
Friendship Association I would like to present a  
Certificate to the Assembly of Azerbaijan Canadian  
Organizations on the 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Republic of  
Azerbaijan*

*Azerbaijan has a rich history and diversity. Today we  
celebrate its efforts to develop peace and economic  
engagement with neighbours in the region. We wish  
continued success to the economic growth and prosperity of  
Azerbaijan.*



*Yatans*

*Yasmin Ratansi, M.P.  
Don Valley East  
May 30, 2009*





# NATIONAL DAY OF AZERBAIJAN

May 30, 2009

*On behalf of the Government of Ontario,  
I am delighted to extend greetings to everyone celebrating  
the National Day of Azerbaijan.*

*This special occasion is an ideal  
time to celebrate Ontario's and Canada's dynamic  
Azerbaijani community, and the invaluable contributions  
of Azerbaijani Canadians to our society. You continue to make  
Ontario — and Canada — an even better place to live.*

*For those Canadians whose roots are in Azerbaijan,  
tonight's gala is an opportunity to reflect on the rich heritage and  
traditions that define and distinguish your vibrant community — and  
a time to celebrate the country's achievements.*

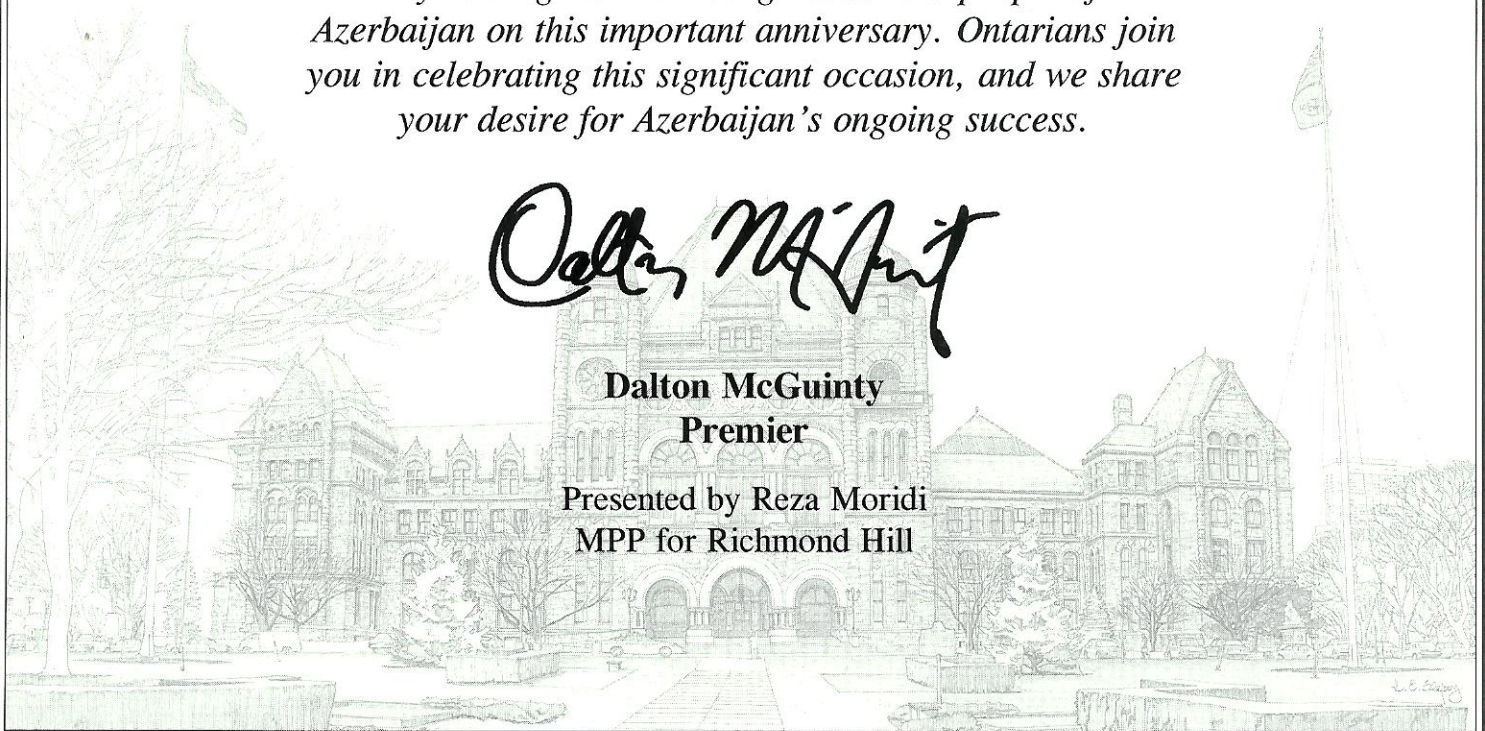
*My colleagues and I congratulate the people of  
Azerbaijan on this important anniversary. Ontarians join  
you in celebrating this significant occasion, and we share  
your desire for Azerbaijan's ongoing success.*

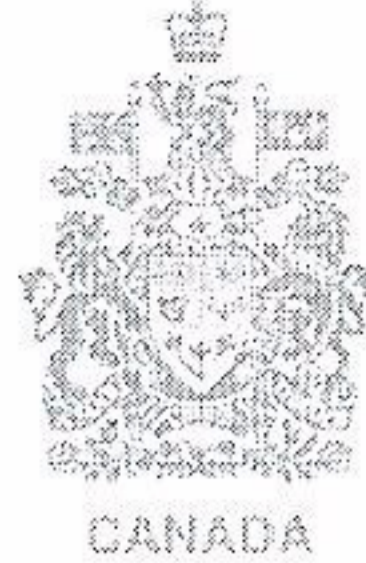


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**Dalton McGuinty**  
**Premier**

Presented by Reza Moridi  
MPP for Richmond Hill





## Azerbaijan's National Day

It is a pleasure for me to extend greetings everyone gathered this evening to celebrate Azerbaijan's Republic Day and welcome tonight's honoured guests. I would like to thank the Assembly of Azerbaijani Canadian Organizations and the Azerbaijan State Committee on Affairs with Diaspora for their work in organising the events these past days.

Celebrating Azerbaijan's National Day shows how the dreams of independence have been held dear by the Azerbaijani people including amongst Canadians of Azerbaijani descent and tonight's dinner gives us all the opportunity to reflect upon the hopes we all have to build a better world.

Our country is noted for its diversity – a truly enriching social characteristic. Clearly, your presence here is an eloquent expression of our cultural diversity and something in which we can all take great pride. Be it those who have been here for many years or those who have arrived more recently, the country continues to be strengthened by this diversity.

Please accept my best wishes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Michael Ignatieff".

Michael Ignatieff, M.P.

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