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International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination March 21, 2009

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was established in 1966 with a call from the United Nations for communities to redouble their efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

We the undersigned citizens of Edmonton express our support for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

We believe that diversity is Alberta's greatest advantage.

We believe that all citizens of Alberta should stand together and embrace diversity, rather than let hate and prejudice divide us.

Today we stand united in our belief that hate is not a value that should be tolerated in Alberta.

We invite citizens to mark this important day by becoming involved in their communities to promote human rights and to take action to end discrimination in all of its many forms.

The Undersigned,

Edmonton Police Chief's Community Advisory Council

Background: The Chief's Community Advisory Council (CAC) was developed in 2004 to engage the Edmonton Police Service and Edmontonians in a proactive dialogue centered on developing mutual trust, information sharing, and relationship building. Since its inception, the CAC has been working proactively with diverse communities who are committed to working together, and with the police service, to foster a climate of safety, security, and mutual respect.

This collaboration has resulted in the Edmonton Police Service and the CAC receiving several accolades, including being nominated as a finalist for the International Webber Seavey Award and a recipient of the 2006 International Association of Chief's of Police Civil Rights Award.