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Engaging voters on the International Day of Democracy

TORONTO, September 13, 2019 – Elections Ontario recognized the International Day of Democracy yesterday with an event at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, in partnership with the Lieutenant Governor’s Office, the Samara Centre for Democracy, and Ryerson’s Democratic Engagement Exchange—one of the leaders of the Canadian Vote Coalition.

In celebration of this year’s theme for the International Day of Democracy, [Participation](#), Ontario’s Chief Electoral Officer Greg Essensa hosted a “Dare to Discuss” event to encourage Ontarians of all ages and abilities to think about democracy as it stands today and to envision new ways of engagement for the future.

The event was followed by a reception hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, featuring the “Speaking of Democracy” exhibit.

Quote

“There are so many ways to become democratically engaged in Ontario, and this year’s theme for the International Day of Democracy reminds us all of the importance of getting involved. I was pleased to meet with community leaders to participate and discuss ways to engage current and future voters in our democratic process and look forward to continuing that conversation.”

-Greg Essensa

Quick Facts

- The United Nations established the [International Day of Democracy](#) on November 8, 2007. This year’s theme, *Participation*, looks to build inclusion and support the right to “active, substantive and meaningful participation in democracy.”
- The [Canadian Vote Coalition](#) is a non-partisan voter engagement campaign aimed at mobilizing organizations and communities across the country ahead of the 2019 federal election.
- The federal election is taking place on October 21, 2019. Voters who have questions about the federal election, or who want to work in the federal election, can contact [Elections Canada](#) for more information.



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