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## **MP Sahota encourages you to join in the Celebrations for Women's History Month**

*Throughout October, use the hashtag #ClaimYourPlace and celebrate women and girls' contributions to our country*

October 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 – Brampton, Ontario – October is Women's History Month in Canada, a month that includes International Day of the Girl on October 11 and Persons Day on October 18. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the immeasurable contributions of women and girls throughout Canada.

On behalf of the Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister of Status of Women, Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, is encouraging everyone to join in the month-long celebration for Women's History Month.

This year's theme, *Claim Your Place*, was chosen by Canadians. It is a call to action reminding us all that despite great achievements, there is still work to do to make gender equality a reality, to ensure girls and women are not afraid to walk alone in our streets at night, and to ensure they have the same opportunity as men and boys to thrive, to work in the field of their choice, and to be leaders.

Women's History Month is a time to celebrate female trailblazers of the past while inspiring the women and girls of today to harness their skills, make their voices heard, and make their mark on the world. Together, we can empower women and girls to stand up and claim their place – in business, STEM, politics, media, the arts, or anywhere else they aspire.

International Day of the Girl, on October 11, is dedicated to championing girls' rights worldwide and recognizing Canada's young leaders and the potential for positive change they bring to their communities. To celebrate International Day of the Girl 2017, everyone is invited to share the stories of the amazing girls in their lives who are making a difference by using the hashtag #ClaimYourPlace on social media.

Persons Day, on October 18, marks a pivotal moment in Canadian history: the historic 1929 decision by the courts to include women in the legal definition of "persons". This gave women the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and signaled a turning point in the quest for equal rights in Canada. This year, our Government is celebrating Persons Day by recognizing the countless women in Canada who worked tirelessly to break down barriers and claim their place as equals, changing the course of Canada's democracy.

This October, join Member of Parliament Ruby Sahota in recognizing the women and girls who have overcome enormous challenges to claim their place in history. Share your contribution and/or honour the women and girls who have advanced gender equality by using the hashtag #ClaimYourPlace.

To learn more about Women's History Month, visit [women.gc.ca](http://women.gc.ca).



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## Quotes

“Where would we be without daring women who dreamed big, defied conventions, and paved the way for the rest of us? Let us celebrate them and build on their legacies. Join us in celebrating the women and girls who, through their ideas, energy, and dedication, bring us closer toward achieving true gender equality in Canada.”

– The Honourable Maryam Monsef, P.C., M.P., Minister of Status of Women

“Canada has been shaped by a strong legacy of women, from diverse backgrounds, who have stood up and claimed their place in history. Each year, Women’s History Month is an opportunity to celebrate their fearless spirit, honour their incredible contributions, and recognize the remarkable women across the country who carry on this tradition, including members of the Brampton North community. This Women’s History Month, join me in celebrating the heroines from our past and the trailblazers of today who inspire the very best in each of us.”

– Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North

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