



STATEMENT

Passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada

September 8, 2022

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada. Throughout her long reign, The Queen served Canada and the Commonwealth with great dedication and distinction. From her first royal tour in 1951, prior to her accession to the Throne, to her most recent royal tour, in 2010, Her Majesty The Queen observed and shared in the development of modern-day Canada. The Queen truly realized the pledge she made on her 21st birthday:

My whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family, to which we all belong.

Members of Parliament will not need to renew their oath of allegiance. Provisions included in the *Interpretation Act* ensure that allegiance is automatically extended to our new sovereign. Furthermore, the passing of Her Majesty The Queen does not bring an end to the present parliamentary session or cause the dissolution of Parliament.

Hon. Anthony Rota, M.P.