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2019

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Carrefour des Plaines
3850 Hillsdale Street, Regina
August 3, 2019

Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan
We congratulate the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan as they celebrate Igbo Day in Regina on August 3, 2019. We are honoured to join the entire community as you celebrate your cultural heritage on this special day. Happy Igbo Day of Arts and Culture to everyone!
Igbo Day 2019
Program of Events

6:00 PM  Bana Ya Sika- Live Band - Al & Nifemi
          Cocktails, Networking & Socialization

6:30 PM  Welcome Dance by ICAS Members
          Sister Organizations' Welcome Dance

6:40 PM  Opening Prayers
          National Anthems of Nigeria and Canada

6:50 PM  Presentation/Breaking of Kola Nuts - Dr.
          Sylvester Ukabam
          Children's Dance – Umuoma - Ure Njoku

7:00 PM  Welcome Address by ICAS President
          Nigerian Hip Hop Dance – Kelechi and
          Group

7:10 PM  Greetings from Friends of the Igbo
          Community

7:40 PM  Dinner / Entertainment
          Fashion Show – Lawretta Igwe & Victoria
          Ordu
          Ogene – Ummunna Igbo Cultural
          Association of Manitoba

9:00 PM  Enyi Ndi Igbo Recognition
          Abiigbo Dance
          Igba Eze Dance - Ummunna Igbo Cultural
          Association of Manitoba
          Masquerade
          Vote of Thanks

9:40 PM  Dance! Dance!! Dance!!!

National Anthems

Arise, O compatriots
Nigeria’s call obey
to serve our fatherland
with love and strength and faith.
The labour of our heroes past
shall never be in vain,
to serve with heart and might
one nation bound in freedom
Peace and unity.

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
It is a great pleasure for me to serve in this capacity as the 9th President of the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan (ICAS). I want to welcome all of you to the 9th Igbo Day in Regina.

ICAS was founded in 2002 to promote a smooth integration of new immigrants into society, become a social support network for members and preserve the Igbo Nigerian-Canadian heritage through events, workshops, language and culture education. Every two years, we celebrate Igbo Day in Saskatchewan.

This year’s theme, “Oganihu Igbo (Igbo Progress and Development),” provides an opportunity to increase awareness and use of the Igbo language, art and culture in Saskatchewan, as well as honour the contributions of the Nigerian-Canadian people of Igbo descent to the cultural, professional and economic development of Saskatchewan in particular and Canada as a whole.

Native to the present-day southeastern Nigeria, with a population of more than 32 million, Igbo people are one of the largest ethnic groups in Africa. Today, Nigerian-Canadians of Igbo descent pursue a peaceful and gainful life in cities and towns across Saskatchewan and Canada, serving and contributing to the political and economic development of this great province. Wherever we live, we work hard in pursuit of happiness, contributing in building progress in society. We build relationships with other peoples and cultures, creating opportunities for different peoples and cultures to learn from one another and grow together.

This year, we are appreciative of the overwhelming support from all levels of government in Canada. Mayor Michael Fougere issued what is now the first proclamation of Igbo Day of Arts and Culture by a government in Canada. On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, Minister Gene Makowsky issued the first proclamation of Igbo Day of Arts and Culture by a provincial government in Canada. We are proud to be the Igbo People of Saskatchewan and also grateful to Canada, the government and entire people of Saskatchewan for placing great value on diversity and multiculturalism.

Nothing is more important to a people than being able to be themselves, practice their culture and language wherever they have found a home.

Also, I appreciate the support from our major sponsors, the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) and SaskTel. We are appreciative of our friendship with various individuals and organizations represented here, including the African Canadian Resource Network, the Ghanaian Canadian Association of Saskatchewan, the Yoruba Community Association of Regina, the Saskatoon Igbo Cultural Association, the Nigerian Canadian Association of Saskatoon, the Umunna Igbo Cultural Association of Manitoba, the Igbo Cultural Association of Calgary, and many others.

In appreciation of these friendships, today, five individuals will receive a special recognition as Enyi Ndi Igbo (Friend of the Igbo) in Saskatchewan. They are Honourable Mark Docherty, MLA Trent Wotherspoon, Mayor Michael Fougere, Dr. Chris Ekong and Ms. Rhonda Rosenberg.

Congratulations to our dear friends!

This special honour began in 2007 and Honourable Ralph Goodale remained the only recipient until today.

I thank the ICAS Council of Elders, ICAS Executive, ICAS Women, the youth and all volunteers for their hard work in putting this event together.

Once again, I welcome all of you to this special day of celebration of culture. By the artistic displays; dance performances, such as Abigbo, Igba Eze, Ogene, Ikpirikpe Ogu, Masquerade; beautiful costumes and delicious food that you will enjoy here today, I hope that everyone will be inspired to learn more about one another.

When diverse cultures cohabit with respect for one another, each one enriches itself as they learn from one another.

My community is appreciative of your presence and support as we celebrate Igbo Day in Saskatchewan!

Thanks and God bless!

Dr. Chidi Igwe
ICAS President
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congratulate the Igbo community on
this occasion of Igbo Day of Arts and
Culture in Regina.

Happy Igbo Day to all!
Certificate of Recognition

I, Gene Makowsky, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport
in the Province of Saskatchewan
in exercise of the powers conferred upon me,
do hereby designate the day of
August 3, 2019 to be:

"Igbo Day of Arts and Culture" in Saskatchewan

And I request the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan to
recognize this day.

Dated at the City of Regina this 15th day of July, 2019.
In Regina, and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this day.

In the interest of promoting the appreciation and understanding of the arts and culture in Regina,

NOW THEREFORE, Michael Pougnet, Mayor of the City of Regina, do hereby proclaim August 3, 2019

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PROCLAMATION

SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

CITY OF REGINA
ICAS Social Secretary, Lolo Nwanneka Igwe, *Ugo si namba I*, wishes to welcome Ndi Igbo and friends to Igbo Day 2019. Congratulations to all and Happy Igbo Day!
Michael Kelechi Kalu a.k.a Keleson,
Peter Onyekachi Ezem a.k.a May6ixteen, and
Ayinde Olabanji a.k.a Bjaylee,
Performing Live at Igbo Day 2019.
Come and enjoy a full night of action and entertainment!
Greetings to the Igbo Day of Art and Culture

On behalf of Prime Minister Trudeau and the Government of Canada it is my honour to extend greetings and good wishes to all those attending the Igbo Day of Art and Culture here in Regina.

As Canadians we draw strength from our diversity — the growing Igbo community here in Regina, across the province and across Canada espouses that sentiment and plays an important part in our mosaic of cultures.

As you gather members of the Igbo community and guests for the biennial celebration of Igbo arts and culture, you celebrate and increase awareness of the rich Igbo history around the world and here in Saskatchewan.

I wish you a wonderful evening of excellent art, entertainment & cuisine. By helping to share Igbo culture, traditions, knowledge and understanding, you are also helping to strengthen and enrich Canada.

Sincerely,

Ralph Goodale
Member of Parliament for Regina-Wascana
Canada’s Minister of Public Safety
ICAS Secretary, Kevin Njoku, and family wish to congratulate Ndi Igbo on this special ocassion of Igbo Day 2019. As we celebrate culture today, we contribute to Canada's diversity. We create opportunities for different peoples to connect and understand one another. Happy Igbo Day to all!
Dr. Ebere Obasi, Mrs. Chinyere Obasi and family are pleased to wish Oha na Eze Ndi Igbo a happy Igbo Day in Saskatchewan.
A Message from the Premier

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I am pleased to bring greetings as you celebrate Igbo Day of Arts and Culture 2019 – “Oganihu Igbo” – in Regina.

The people of Saskatchewan place tremendous value on the diverse traditions and cultures that can be found throughout this province. We appreciate the many contributions Nigerian-Canadians have made to our growing province and the ongoing role they play in our economy and our society.

This celebration provides an opportunity to join with community members to celebrate Nigerian culture, honour Nigerian-Canadian heritage, and commemorate the valuable contributions to the professional and economic developments of Saskatchewan.

Thank you to the organizers for your efforts in preparing tonight’s event, which includes Nigerian dance, music, and artistic displays as well as a delicious menu of traditional cuisine.

Best wishes for an enjoyable evening of celebration.

Scott Moe
Premier
RE: Igbo Day of Arts and Culture

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Speaker’s Office and the Legislative Assembly to thank the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan for their tireless efforts in promoting Igbo Nigerian-Canadian culture. Through language, arts and community awareness you have enhanced the cultural fabric in Saskatchewan.

This year’s theme Oganihu Igbo “Progress and Development” speaks to the significant role Igbo-Nigerian-Canadian communities have contributed to, and continue to, enhance our newcomer cultural presence in our province. Organizations which promote integration, and preserve heritage are vital to the settlement and progress of newcomers. Thank you for sharing your culture and making Saskatchewan better.

This work creates a more diverse cultural landscape and heritage for Saskatchewan, which amplifies the meaning behind our provincial motto “From Many People’s Strength.” I look forward to the continued efforts from the Igbo community that enables inclusion, understanding and respect for all people.

I am so grateful for your friendship and always look forward to our gatherings.

On behalf of a grateful province, thank you. Happy Igbo Day!

Sincerely,

Hon. Mark Docherty, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

MD/hl
ICAS
Immediate Past
President, Henry
Nwadike and the Immediate
Past Vice-President, Ifeanyi
Mbachi, rejoice with ICAS as the
organization continues to make a
mark in propagation of Igbo
culture and values to the whole
world. 2019 festival promises to
build on the existing tradition of a
full package of entertainment,
therefore we celebrate with the
entire members, executive
and guests wishing all a
wonderful experience
during the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Nwadike and family wish to felicitate with ICAS on her 2019 Igbo Day festival. We encourage ICAS to keep up the spirit of unity and togetherness which the social cultural organization is known for. Once again, congratulations!
Program Message – Igbo Day of Art and Culture

Welcome to the 2019 Igbo Day of Art and Culture.

Cultural events play an important role in our province, opening doors to creative expression and experience by helping residents of all ages engage, learn and grow. Culture builds community and contributes to our strong quality of life in Saskatchewan.

With an event featuring Igbo cuisine, dance and performances, this is a great opportunity to gather and celebrate. Whether you are from Nigeria, are of Igbo-Nigerian descent or appreciate experiencing new cultures, I hope you enjoy what this event has to offer.

Thank you for supporting this Igbo-Nigerian celebration. Enjoy!

Gene Makowsky
MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of my colleagues on City Council and the residents of Regina, I am pleased to welcome all to the 2019 Igbo Day of Arts and Culture!

Regina is proud to have a growing and dynamic Igbo Nigerian community. We are a caring, welcoming city, and it is very important for people of all backgrounds to live in harmony and thrive in opportunity. This year’s theme “Oganihu Igbo” – Igbo Progress and Development – will be showcased today in cuisine, music, dance and artistic displays and underlines not only your Igbo Nigerian heritage, but also what it means to be Nigerian-Canadian and to have found a home in this part of our country.

The efforts of the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan to showcase the native language and culture of the Nigerian people are appreciated in our larger community, and we thank them for their efforts in organizing this year’s event.

I thank all of you for attending tonight’s celebration, and for being a part of our city. Best wishes for an enjoyable event!

Sincerely,

Michael Fougere
Mayor
Drs. Chris and Jane Ekong and family join the Igbo community of Saskatchewan on this special day of celebration of culture and our Nigerian-Canadian heritage in Regina. Congratulations to ICAS on Igbo Day 2019!
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Dr. Felix and Mrs. Grace Ngoka congratulate ICAS on the celebrations of Igbo arts and cultures on August 3, 2019. Happy Igbo Day to everyone!
Happy Igbo Day of Arts and Culture!

I earnestly like to acknowledge the important contributions made by Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan (ICAS) in enriching the multi-cultural landscape of Canadian traditions, as our provincial motto “From Many Peoples Strength”. We thank you for bringing your culture to make Saskatchewan’s Mosaic more colourful.

Also, it is the occasion of great importance in regards to the prudent ways of ICAS that reflect upon the peace spreading efforts, equally harmonious and immersive to the existing and celebrated Canadian Heritage.

Please accept my very heartfelt wishes for this day and ever after.

Muhammad Fiaz
MLA, Regina Pasqua
Congratulations to all of you on Igbo Day 2019!

Association of Saskatchewan on this special day of celebration of Igbo culture in Saskatchewan.

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Happy Igbo Day in Saskatchewan!

It is an honour to be invited to this Igbo Day of Art and Culture and even a greater honour to celebrate with this vibrant community. I want to thank the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan for your valuable leadership and service in our city, our province, and our country.

From promoting a smooth integration of new comers to our province, to offering community-based activities to help preserve the Igbo Nigerian-Canadian Heritage, I would like to applaud you for the important work the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan has done to build the province of Saskatchewan up.

It is fair to say that Nigerian Canadians make invaluable contributions to Saskatchewan; socially, culturally, and economically - and are key to shaping and building its bright future. On behalf of a grateful province, I say thank you.

It is my honour to join with you to celebrate the impressive contributions of Igbo Nigerian Canadians. I look forward to many more future celebrations. I am thankful for the many friendships I’ve built with members of the community and I am thankful for the tremendous impact the Igbo Nigerian-Canadian community has in the province we all love.

Sincerely,

Frent Wotherspoon

MLA Regina Rosemont

Chair of Public Accounts; Critic for Finance; Municipal Relations; the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program; Associate Critic for the Economy and Jobs.
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The Rt Rev Olukayode (Kay) Adebugun, Bishop, ADOTT Canada and Mama Olatundun Adebugun congratulate ICAS on the celebration of 2019 Igbo Day in Regina.
The family of Drs. Sylvester and Chinyere Ukabam congratulates ICAS on their cultural night and the recipients of honour on their achievements on Igbo Day 2019!
Igbo Day of Arts and Culture
Oganihu Igbo (Igbo Progress and Development)
Program Message

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan extends our warmest wishes to the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan on this occasion of the 2019 Igbo Day of Arts and Culture celebration.

MCCS acknowledges that this event takes place on Treaty 4 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We all have a role in reconciliation; the TRC’s 94 Calls to Action provide a pathway.

We are pleased to support events, such as Igbo Day, that fulfill the multicultural stream of work called cultural continuity that increase awareness and use of the Igbo language, arts, and culture in Saskatchewan. This event also honours the contributions of the Nigerian-Canadian people of Igbo descent to the cultural, professional, and economic development of Saskatchewan.

The Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan is at the forefront in preserving and promoting Igbo-Nigerian culture and fostering an environment in which organizations and individuals can contribute to the multicultural development of Saskatchewan. This is especially important as we welcome increasing numbers of newcomers, including those of Igbo-Nigerian heritage to our province.

This year’s theme, Oganihu Igbo - Progress and Development, speaks to the multicultural streams of work called intercultural connections and integration. We see different cultural groups coming together to build bridges and create welcoming and inclusive communities that reflect a sense of home and belonging. In turn, this creates opportunities for progress and development in the cultural, economic, social, and political lives of the Igbo-Nigerian community and the multicultural community.

Obi di MCoS uto ikwado Igbo Day!

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The Igwe family wishes to congratulate Ndi Igbo in Saskatchewan and all their friends as we celebrate our Nigerian-Canadian heritage in Regina. We wish all of you a successful celebration of arts and culture!