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February 27, 2021

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to offer my best wishes for all Canadians of Bosnian origin on this Day of Independence. The Bosnian community here in Canada should be proud of their heritage and the beauty of their country.

I am honoured once again to issue this congratulatory letter to your community. Over my life I have been blessed to get to know the Bosnian people, your culture and your homeland.

It has been many years since I had the opportunity to visit your wonderful country and I hope that one day soon I will get the opportunity to take in all the beauty once again.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful Day of Independence.

Sincerely,

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Brian Masse
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March 1, 2021

I would like to congratulate the Bosnian-Canadian community as they mark this Bosnia Independence Day of March 1.

Twenty-nine years ago, the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina voted for the independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina in a referendum that was held between 29 February and 1 March 1992. The results of the referendum were accepted on March 6 by the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina. On 7 April 1992, the European Community recognized Bosnia and Herzegovina as an independent state.

During the past there have been many tragedies and challenges for the people of Bosnia, but they have maintained their independence and democracy working for a better future. The Bosnian-Canadian community, while being an essential part of Canada, have supported and advocated for a continued democratic and independent Bosnia which all Canadians agree with.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Masse".

Brian Masse M. P.
Windsor West
NDP Innovation, Science and Economic Development Critic



Message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone participating in the Bosnian Canadian community's online academy in honour of the Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I am pleased that you will be able to gather virtually with members of your community and learn more about the history of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Thank you to our vibrant Bosnian community for their unique contributions that add to the rich, cultural diversity of our city.

Toronto is one of the world's most multicultural cities and home to people from all over the world. The valued contributions of multicultural communities strengthen our society and contribute to our city's motto "*Diversity Our Strength*".

Events like these celebrate the rich cultures and traditions that make our city so unique, and are essential to a prosperous, vital and livable Toronto.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

Yours truly,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto



THE OFFICE OF
MAYOR FRED
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CITY OF HAMILTON



March 1, 2021

Dear Dr Ramic,

It is my pleasure to extend greetings to the Bosnian community in Hamilton on the celebration of the Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This day marks the anniversary of the referendum declaring a sovereign and independent Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Bosnian people have much to be very proud of since that declaration in 1992. Bosnia and Herzegovina are today a pillar of democracy and freedom in the Balkans. It is an example of working together in peace. They remain an example to many of what is possible when working together.

We are appreciative of the continuing contribution of the peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the cultural diversity of Hamilton. Your contribution continues to make a difference in our city.

We are proud that the peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina have found a place with us. May we continue to work together to make Hamilton a community you can call home, live in freedom, and raise a family.

Wishing you continued success and happiness in Hamilton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Eisenberger", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fred Eisenberger,
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Members of the Canadian Bosniak
Community:

Re: Bosnia's Independence Day

I wish to congratulate and extend my best wishes to the Bosnian community on marking March 1st Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Your ground-breaking historical movement on the 1st of March, 1992 for contemporary Bosnia and Herzegovina confirmed Bosnia and Herzegovina's statehood, including independence and self-determination that was expressed by the majority of the citizens of these great communities.

On that memorable day, Bosnia and Herzegovina became a member of the international community and recognized as the 177th member of the United Nations.

I commend the communities of Bosnia and Herzegovina for standing strong and united and continuing to recognize the importance of the movement every year.

Sincerely,

Maria Pearson
Councillor Ward 10
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