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Hazel McCallion Day Act, 2016

S.o. 2016, chapter 27

**Consolidation Period:** From December 08, 2016 to the [e-Laws currency date](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/navigation?file=currencyDates&lang=en).

No amendments.

Preamble

Hazel McCallion served in public office continuously from 1968 until her retirement in 2014. She was first elected mayor of Streetsville in 1970 and then as a councillor in Mississauga and in the newly created Region of Peel in 1974. Following two terms as a councillor, she was elected mayor of Mississauga in the 1978 municipal election. During her historic thirty-six years in that office she oversaw the incredible growth and urban transformation of Mississauga from a city of 280,850 residents in 1978 to Canada’s sixth largest city in 2011, with more than 713,000 residents. Her tenure as Mississauga’s mayor is the longest in the city’s history and she has received numerous awards and honours for her lifetime of contributions to her community.

Though retired from politics, she remains an active champion of major Mississauga-based projects, including the University of Toronto (Mississauga) and Sheridan College. Her years of service to her community have been recognized through the dedication of public facilities in her honour, such as the Hazel McCallion Campus (Sheridan College), the Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (University of Toronto Mississauga), the Hazel McCallion Senior Public School in Streetsville and the Hazel McCallion Centre for Heart Health (Trillium Health Centre). She has been an active fundraiser for local and international charities.

McCallion’s achievements are notable for their number and scale, as well as the social atmosphere in which she began her career. Though women had been elected mayor of other Canadian cities previous to McCallion, political life was nonetheless widely regarded during the 1960s – when she entered politics – to be a man’s domain. Her participation in public life since that time makes her a brilliant example to women and, indeed, all Ontarians. As our province strives to eliminate gender-based discrimination, her professional life and numerous contributions are reflective of the leadership role that women can, and should, be entitled to seek in a fair and just society.

In honour of her lifetime of contributions, it is appropriate to recognize February 14th (McCallion’s birthday) in each year as Hazel McCallion Day in Ontario.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Hazel McCallion Day

[1.](http://www.ontario.ca/fr/lois/loi/16h27" \l "s1)February 14th in each year is proclaimed as Hazel McCallion Day.

[2.](http://www.ontario.ca/fr/lois/loi/16h27" \l "s2)  Omitted (provides for coming into force of provisions of this Act).

[3.](http://www.ontario.ca/fr/lois/loi/16h27" \l "s3)  Omitted (enacts short title of this Act).

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