

Launching of Action Week Against Racism

MONTRÉAL PROUD TO SUPPORT 10TH EDITION OF ACTION WEEK AGAINST RACISM

Montréal, March 12, 2009 – Marcel Tremblay, member of the Montréal Executive Committee responsible for intercultural relations, Société du parc Jean-Drapeau and special events, is pleased to announce the city's participation in the 10th edition of Action Week Against Racism, which is held this year under the theme "Words that Cross the Line".

At the launching of the activities held as part of Action Week Against Racism, Marcel Tremblay acknowledged the fine achievements of organizers and volunteers who dedicated time and effort to making this event a success. Montréal has been a major partner of this event for the past ten years.

"Montréal's participation in Action Week confirms our administration's commitment to making our city a Racism Free Zone. It also shows our determination to fight discrimination in all its forms," said Marcel Tremblay.

This preferred moment of reflection, exchange, awareness-raising and intercultural rapprochement is an opportunity for all members of society, and especially the young generation, to start building a more just and inclusive society.

"I invite all Montrealers, and especially young people, to take part in the various activities held as part of Action Week Against Racism, to help to reinforce Montréal's reputation as an open, diverse city," added Mr. Tremblay.

Our administration believes that the commitment of people from all backgrounds to our city's vitality is a priority. "Be it through the Conseil interculturel de Montréal, Conseil jeunesse de Montréal, Programme de parrainage professionnel, or through the various activities and programs held every year by the city and its partners, Montréal encourages the participation of residents and newcomers in a racism free environment," said Marcel Tremblay.

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