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## A Personal Message From Ontario PC Leader Doug Ford

As Leader of the Ontario PC Party, I join with Ontario's Polish community in observing the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Katyń Massacre which coincides with the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Smolensk Air Disaster.

Today, as we gather, we take the time to reflect on this dark chapter in history. The Katyń Massacre serves as a time of remembrance and tribute, a time to honour more than 22,000 Polish citizens who were taken from their family and loved ones.

We also gather to remember the Smolensk Air Disaster, and memorialize the 96 Polish dignitaries who lost their lives while travelling to pay respect to the victims of the Katyń Massacre.

The Katyń Massacre marks a day of solemnity; it also marks a day to remember the tremendous sacrifices and contributions by the Polish community in the fight for freedom and democracy. I hope all Ontarians can take an opportunity to learn from these tragedies; the cost of divisiveness, and the price of intolerance.

As we take time to reflect, we should all be appreciative and thankful for our family and loved ones. The PC Party embraces family, culture and diversity; the Polish diaspora is an important reflection of this, and as a province we will continue to stand up against acts of oppression and intolerance.

On behalf of the Ontario PC Party, I encourage all Ontarians to join in remembrance.

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