

## Ottawa Journal by David Tilson MP ? This month, we mark the 50th anniversary of Canada's flag

I invite everyone in Dufferin-Caledon to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our national flag Feb. 15.

Our flag is a symbol of our Canadian identity and a source of pride from coast to coast to coast.

As we prepare to mark Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017, celebrations like these help us understand more about our history and reaffirm our pride in a country that is strong, proud and free. Learn more about how our flag was created and what it means to us as a country. Show your pride by organizing your own public event Flag Day or by taking part in the Share your moment with the flag challenge, which was launched Friday (Jan. 30). The challenge invites all Canadians to share a photo or a short video of themselves with the flag, to share it on social media (Twitter and Facebook) using the hashtag (#FLAG50) and to encourage their family and friends to do the same.

The 50th anniversary of the Canadian flag will be marked Feb. 15. Special events will be held across the country around that date, as well as in Canada's Capital Region during Winterlude. Visit [www.canada.ca/150](http://www.canada.ca/150) and [www.canada.ca/flagday](http://www.canada.ca/flagday) for information on events, promotional material, and details on how you can celebrate this significant milestone

