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A Message from the Premier

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I am pleased to welcome everyone celebrating International Women's Day 2008 in Burnaby.

Each year in March, we observe International Women's Day and honour our mothers, wives, sisters, girlfriends and friends. I commend all of the women here tonight for the outstanding contribution they make to their families, careers and communities each day.

When we look back we can see that the lives of women in our society have evolved significantly and we know there are places in the world where that is not happening or happening at a slow pace. The organized campaign for change started with a group of women in New York City in 1908. Over time, International Women's Day has grown to become a global day of recognition and celebration across developed and developing countries alike.

I would like to recognize the volunteers for organizing this event. I commend them for the tremendous hard work and personal time they put into making gatherings like this possible.

On behalf of the people of British Columbia, I hope everyone has a memorable time.

Sincerely,

Gordon Campbell
Premier