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PRESS RELEASE

**“Presentation of First Poppy”
by the
Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Command
to
the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario**

QUEEN’S PARK, TORONTO, ON - Ontario Command is proud to present the First Poppy of Ontario to the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

A special ceremony of the ‘First Poppy’ Presentation will be held at Queen’s Park, Toronto, Ontario, in front of the Veteran’s Memorial, on Tuesday October 27, 2020 at 1:30pm. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be relocated to her Honour’s suite.

The presentation will be made by Ontario Command’s President Garry Pond; joining him will be a few chosen members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command.

Please note that due to COVID-19, if necessary, the presentation may be held Virtually.

Please be advised that this will be the Ceremonial launch of the 2020 Poppy Campaign only; the official start of the Poppy Campaign will be Friday, October 30, 2020.

The Media and Press are welcome to attend this special presentation.

Legion Remembrance programs commemorate the men and women who died in the military service of Canada during war and peace. Maintaining the tradition of Remembrance is a sacred trust and the Legion's most important role.

The Poppy has been widely recognized as a symbol of Remembrance, since it was first adopted in 1921. By wearing the poppy, we demonstrate our gratitude to those who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy.

We Will Remember Them!

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