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**ANITA R. NEVILLE SWORN IN AS
MANITOBA'S 26TH LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Anita R. Neville P.C., O.M., was sworn in today as Manitoba's 26th lieutenant-governor in a special ceremony held in the chamber of the legislative assembly.

Neville succeeds Janice C. Filmon as the King's representative in Manitoba, who has held the office since June 19, 2015.

"The Honourable Neville has a long and proud history of public service and giving back to the community, and I am confident she will serve as a formidable lieutenant-governor," said Premier Heather Stefanson. "I want to thank Their Honours Janice and Gary Filmon for their many years of dedication and exemplary service to the people of Manitoba."

Neville has a long and distinguished record of public service, representing Manitobans in her role as member of Parliament for the federal riding of Winnipeg South Centre in the House of Commons from 2000 to 2011. Neville was parliamentary secretary to the minister of Canadian heritage and the minister responsible for the status of women. Previously, Neville chaired the Winnipeg School Division board of trustees for many years and, before entering public life, was an economic development consultant.

Neville becomes the third woman to serve as Manitoba's lieutenant-governor. She is also the first Jewish lieutenant-governor of Manitoba.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Richard Chartier and witnessed by the premier, members of cabinet, members of the legislative assembly, representatives of the judiciary and the Armed Forces, along with invited guests.

The official party also included representatives of the Governor General, the Privy Council Office and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Appointed by the Governor General on the recommendation of the prime minister, lieutenant-governors are the representatives of the King in their respective provinces. They fulfil the roles and functions of the King including granting royal assent to provincial laws, opening legislative sessions with the speech from the throne and swearing in members of the executive council.