

April 15, 2009

From the Honorable Robert Ghiz - Premier of Prince Edward Island.

Re: Initiative to increase Volunteerism in Canada

Dear Ms. Boquer:

Thank you for your e-mail. I certainly admire your efforts to increase an awareness of the importance of recognizing our volunteers.

The Government of Prince Edward Island realizes the importance of celebrating and promoting volunteerism. We acknowledge that a strong volunteer sector across our province strengthens our Island economy and communities. To demonstrate that commitment, we are currently involved in several initiatives to recognize Island volunteers, including an annual Volunteer Recognition Award program as well as other related programs which are available to help service organizations meet their mandates.

While we do have current legislation designed to protect volunteers in the provision of their services, we are always open to amending or enacting new legislation which strengthens or updates current policy.

I will forward your e-mail along to several of my colleagues for their review. I appreciate receiving your suggestions for possible ways and means of promoting, supporting and increasing volunteerism.

Sincerely

**Robert Ghiz
Premier of Prince Edward Island**