WHEREAS Manitoba has been a multicultural society from the time of its original population, the Aboriginal peoples;

AND WHEREAS the diversity of Manitobans as regards culture, religion and racial background is a fundamental characteristic of Manitoban society which benefits all Manitobans economically, socially and culturally;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognizes the importance of encouraging the use of languages that contribute to the multicultural heritage of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba is committed to the promotion of racial harmony;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba believes that Manitoba’s multicultural society is not a collection of many separate societies, divided by language and culture, but is a single society united by shared laws, values, aspirations and responsibilities within which persons of various backgrounds have:

- the freedom and opportunity to express and foster their cultural heritage;

- the freedom and opportunity to participate in the broader life of society; and the responsibility to abide by and contribute to the laws and aspirations that unite society ...