



Canadian Mayors Proclaim Data Privacy Day

Calgary, Alberta – Jurisdictions across Canada have proclaimed January 28, 2010 as Data Privacy Day to recognize the importance of protecting personal information and increasing awareness about privacy rights and responsibilities.

"By proclaiming Data Privacy Day, the Mayors of Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto, Calgary and Ottawa are showing that they promote data protection in city operations," says Sharon Polsky, National Chair of CAPAPA. "Their formal recognition of Data Privacy Day speaks to the importance of citizens understanding their privacy rights and responsibilities."

Data Privacy Day is important to raise awareness among Canadians and engage them in discussion about practical aspects of data privacy and strategies for safeguarding personal information.

"So many organizations collect so much information about us every day", noted Monica Muller, privacy lawyer and CAPAPA's regional Representative for the BC Lower Mainland. "It's important for all Canadians to think about what happens to that personal information, including the information we voluntarily post about ourselves online."

This year, more jurisdictions than ever across Canada are formally recognizing Data Privacy Day. Their proclamations or other written commitment to Data Privacy Day will be posted on the CAPAPA web site at www.capapa.org.

Data Protection Day is an internationally recognized day to highlight the importance of protecting personal information. CAPAPA events celebrating this 4th International Data Privacy Day are being held in major centers across Canada from January 25 to January 28, with the generous support and participation of Federal and Provincial Privacy Commissioners, government agencies, and private sector organizations. For event details and to download educational and promotional materials, visit www.capapa.org

About CAPAPA

CAPAPA -- The Canadian Association for Professional Access and Privacy Administrators -- is Canada's leading national association that is dedicated to the professional development of Privacy and Access Professionals in both the private and public sectors.

CAPAPA is a Canadian not-for-profit centre of expertise and excellence in information access and privacy. As Canada's voice for privacy and access, CAPAPA speaks for its members in private, public, and government organizations across Canada.

CAPAPA's reach across Canada is unparalleled for increasing awareness and engaging discussion about the privacy impacts of current and emerging Technology, Legal and legislative issues, Social issues and impacts, Educational and training opportunities, Trends and developments in Canada and beyond.

Members of the Executive are available for speaking engagements and can be contacted through the association.

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Proclamation

"DATA PRIVACY DAY"

- WHEREAS** *The rapid development of technology and widespread use of the Internet have raised data privacy issues in the lives of all people - at work, in their relations with business and government, when they buy goods or services, and when they travel;*
- AND WHEREAS** *Respect for the privacy of the individual is a fundamental component of a functioning, democratic society;*
- AND WHEREAS** *Many people are unaware of their privacy rights and of specific steps they can take to help ensure the protection of their personal information online;*
- AND WHEREAS** *The Canadian Association of Professional Access and Privacy Administrators, a non-profit organization that takes a leading role in advancing awareness of data privacy, is seeking official recognition of Data Privacy Day across Canada;*
- AND WHEREAS** *Data Privacy Day constitutes an international collaboration and a nationwide effort to raise awareness of privacy and data protection and to inform people of their rights and of good practices;*
- AND WHEREAS** *The celebration of Data Privacy Day in the city of Vancouver will encourage people to be aware of data privacy concerns and to take steps to protect their personal information online;*
- NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Gregor Robertson, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Thursday, January 25th, 2010 as*

"DATA PRIVACY DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.

Gregor Robertson
MAYOR





DATA PRIVACY DAY

JANUARY 28, 2010

WHEREAS, the Canadian Association of Professional Access and Privacy Administrators is a national, community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is to increase the public's awareness of privacy protection and information access in Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Association of Professional Access and Privacy Administrators is an independent and non-profit organization that takes a leading role in advancing and increasing awareness of privacy protection and information access in Canada; and

WHEREAS, Data Privacy Day promotes privacy protection, awareness and education and the Canadian Association of Professional Access and Privacy Administrators serves the important purpose of furthering education, collaboration and cooperation around privacy issues and information access;

THEREFORE, I, Larry O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Ottawa, do hereby proclaim **January 28, 2010 as Data Privacy Day in the City of Ottawa.**


Larry O'Brien
Mayor / Maire

JOURNÉE DE LA CONFIDENTIALITÉ DES DONNÉES

LE 28 JANVIER 2010

ATTENDU QUE l'Association canadienne des administrateurs professionnels de l'accès à l'information et de la protection des renseignements personnels (ACAPAP) est un organisme de bénévoles axé sur la communauté à l'échelle nationale qui a pour mission de sensibiliser davantage le public à l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée au Canada; et

ATTENDU QUE l'ACAPAP est un organisme indépendant et sans but lucratif qui travaille au premier plan pour promouvoir la protection de la vie privée et l'accès à l'information et pour informer davantage le public sur le sujet au Canada; et

ATTENDU QUE la Journée de la confidentialité des données vise à promouvoir la protection de la vie privée, la sensibilisation et l'éducation du public, et que l'ACAPAP sert à renseigner davantage la population, de même qu'à collaborer aux questions de vie privée et d'accès à l'information;

PAR CONSÉQUENT, je, Larry O'Brien, maire d'Ottawa, proclame par la présente le **28 janvier 2010 Journée de la confidentialité des données à la Ville d'Ottawa.**