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## **The national municipal declaration movement Strong support from municipalities for the Journées de la culture!**

**Montréal, September 1, 2009** – The national municipal declaration movement, an initiative spearheaded by Culture pour tous in collaboration with the Les Arts et la Ville network, continues to grow. In fact, since April, over 60 municipalities have pledged their support and more than 276 cities and villages have signed the resolution.

In 1997, the Government of Québec adopted an act stipulating that, every year, the Journées de la culture would be held on the last Friday of September and two following days, and Culture pour tous would like to invite all municipalities to follow this eloquent example.

In doing so, cities and villages demonstrate their willingness to participate in the vast national movement to democratize culture that has become known as the Journées de la culture, as each municipal council firmly and publically affirms the importance of the cultural identity of the citizens it represents.

This year, the Journées de la culture will be held on Friday September 25, Saturday September 26 and Sunday September 27, 2009. Thousands of free participative activities to foster the discovery and appreciation of arts and culture will be held across Québec.

To read the resolution recognizing culture as an identification and quality of life factor, go to [www.culturepourtous/journeesdelaculture/partenaires\\_municipal](http://www.culturepourtous/journeesdelaculture/partenaires_municipal) (in French only).

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