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Air Cadet League of Canada Receives Governor General's Patronage

OTTAWA, ON (October 23, 2018) - The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL) is proud to announce that Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, has accepted our request to become our viceregal patron.

The Governor General plays a key role in promoting national identity by supporting and promoting Canadian values, diversity, inclusion, culture and knowledge. As such, the Governor General supports associations and organizations for their outstanding contributions to society. According to Rideau Hall, the granting of viceregal patronage is a longstanding practice. Building on the viceregal tradition, support through patronage is aimed at recognizing exceptional contributions to Canadian society, bringing special attention to worthy causes and showcasing excellence.

The Air Cadet League of Canada has been honoured to receive the patronage of the Governor General since our inception in 1941. Mr. C. Mervin Ozirny, President of the ACL, declared "We are delighted to learn that Her Excellency will grant us her viceregal patronage, thus continuing a tradition going back 77 years. We look forward to build on that relationship as we guide thousands of youth each year in the development of the skills and attributes which they will need to succeed in their chosen professions."

The Air Cadet League of Canada is a civilian non-profit community based and volunteer led organization, which in collaboration with the Department of National Defence and our other partners, is dedicated to supporting the objectives of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program, and to developing in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership; promoting physical fitness; and stimulating the interest of youth in the aviation and aerospace industry, including the air element of the Canadian Forces.

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