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Governor General to Present 42 Meritorious Service Decorations (Civil Division)

OTTAWA—Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, will present the Meritorious Service Decorations (Civil Division) to 42 recipients from various sectors across the country on **Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.**, during a ceremony at Rideau Hall. On this occasion, the Governor General will present 19 Meritorious Service Crosses and 23 Meritorious Service Medals.

The Meritorious Service Decorations were established to recognize the extraordinary people who make Canada proud. Their acts are often innovative, set an example or model for others to follow, or respond to a particular challenge faced by a community. The best candidates are those who inspire others through their

motivation to find solutions to specific and pressing needs or provide an important service to their community or country. For more information or to nominate a deserving Canadian, visit www.merit.gg.ca.

The ceremony schedule, the list of recipients and their citations, as well as a fact sheet on the Meritorious Service Decorations (Civil Division) are attached.

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Media wishing to cover this event are asked to confirm their attendance with the Rideau Hall Press Office, and should arrive at the Princess Anne Entrance no later than 10:15 a.m. on the day of the ceremony.

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CEREMONY SCHEDULE

10:30 a.m.:Ceremony begins

Remarks by the Governor General

Governor General presents the decorations

11:15 a.m.:Ceremony ends

11:30 a.m.:Interviews with recipients

RECIPIENTS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS

Dominic Audet , M.S.C.	Montréal, Que.
Sakchin Bessette , M.S.C.	Montréal, Que.
Thomas Tak Kin Chau , M.S.C.	Toronto, Ont.
Sandra Elizabeth Clarke , M.S.C.	Ottawa, Ont.

Pierre Duez , M.S.C.	Toronto, Ont.
Christine J. Elliott , M.S.C.	Whitby, Ont.
The Honourable James M. Flaherty , P.C., M.S.C. (<i>posthumous</i>)	Whitby, Ont.
Éric Fournier , M.S.C.	Montréal, Que.
Bala Theresa (Angèle) Singareddy Gingras , M.S.C.	Gatineau, Que.
André Gingras , M.S.C.	Gatineau, Que.
Peg Herbert , M.S.C.	Ottawa, Ont.
Michael David Kaufman , M.S.C.	Toronto, Ont.
Gary Kobinger , O.M., M.S.C.	Winnipeg, Man.
Andrea Lorraine Lamont , M.S.C.	Toronto, Ont.
Justin Maloney , M.S.C.	Ottawa, Ont.
Joseph Maloney , M.S.C.	Markham, Ont. and Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
Robert Piché , M.S.C.	Montréal, Que.
Jason Rodi , M.S.C.	Montréal, Que.
Eric Wan , M.S.C.	Scarborough, Ont.