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END CHILD & FAMILY POVERTY IN CANADA

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IN HONOUR OF JOSEPH ZUKEN AND HIS LEGACY OF SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Declaration of Principles for Poverty Reduction

A declaration is a document that is an explicit or formal statement displaying an announcement or proclamation.

This is an excerpt from the Campaign 2000 founding declaration (1991):

“We are committed to promoting and securing the full implementation of the House of Commons Resolution of November 24, 1989 at which time the three federal parties of Canada pledged themselves to work for the elimination of child poverty in Canada by the year 2000. We believe that every child living in Canada must be endowed from birth with public assurances of the essential living requirements necessary to his/her basic well-being and to support the realization of her/his inherent worth as a person and as a member of Canadian society.

We seek to ensure that no child and no adult in Canada ever again be compelled to rely on food banks and other charities as their continuing sources of survival and support.

Principles:

- ✓ Public policies must strengthen the ability of families and communities to care for their children
- ✓ The Federal Government has the paramount responsibility to finance national programs, maintain national standards and create a framework with provincial governments for the development and implementation of national strategies to eliminate child poverty
- ✓ More prosperity will not and has not eliminated poverty. The moral and political will to use the existing wealth and resources in a manner consistent with democratic values and international standards is needed.
- ✓ The elimination of child poverty will require a holistic and integrated approach that addresses the material, physical, social, emotional, cultural, regional and historic dimensions of the problem and a significant reorientation of our collective values and priorities as citizens and of the public policies of all governments – federal, provincial, territorial, regional and municipal.
- ✓ The creation of a full employment economy with living wages is essential to eliminate all forms of poverty.

The Founding Declaration of the 25in5 Network for Poverty Reduction (a provincial coalition of over 100 Ontario organizations and people committed to action on eliminating poverty) declares:

“We believe in a poverty-free Ontario. A place where everyone can live in Dignity and enjoy a good standard of living.”

According to 25 in 5, a poverty reduction plan should address three priorities:

- 1) Sustaining employment (ensuring that anyone who works full-time will not be living in poverty and will receive fair pay and stable working conditions)
- 2) Livable Incomes (those who are unable to work are not sentenced to a life of poverty)
- 3) Strong and Supportive Communities (affordable, accessible and quality housing, early learning and childcare, public education and community programs). (www.25in5.ca)



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