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### National Volunteer Week

**Mr. Forbes:** Mr. Speaker, it's Volunteer Week in Canada. This week gives us a chance to celebrate our volunteers here in the province and across Canada. This is the 11th consecutive year of the National Volunteer Week campaign. This is an opportunity that gives us a chance to recognize the dedication of volunteers to their communities.

We are fortunate to have the spirit of volunteerism alive and well in our province, and we now have a reputation at home and around the globe to have an incredible presence of volunteers working to strengthen our communities. Mr. Speaker, volunteering takes a number of shapes, but there is a common denominator. Volunteers are sacrificing their time for the collective good, and it doesn't get more nobler than that.

Volunteers and volunteer-based organizations in this province are a driving force for change. Whether this is delivering meals, community service, coaching teams, campaigning, or helping build homes, these people are making a difference. Volunteering in our communities unites us as a province and speaks to each of us across the diversity that is present in Saskatchewan. We are fortunate to have strong community organizations that support and coordinate volunteer efforts in our communities. Organizations like United Way in Regina and Volunteer Saskatoon promote volunteerism across Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that my colleagues join with me in recognizing National Volunteer Week and the generosity of Saskatchewan people who transform their time and energies into better communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.