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August 25, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8-a, I, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, to accept a donation of 15 Maple Trees from the government of Canada via Canadian Consulate General, estimated at a value of \$5,000, to be planted in New Hampshire as a gift in recognition of the United States Semi-Quincentennial and long-standing friendship between our countries, upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

EXPLANATION

In support of the nation's 250th anniversary of independence, the country of Canada has graciously and generously offered a donation of 15 maple trees of species and variety that may be tailored to our liking to be planted here in New Hampshire. The intent and purpose of this gesture and donation is best summarized in the words of the Acting Consul General of Canada as follows.

"On behalf of the Government of Canada, I am pleased to convey Canada's wish to present the State of New Hampshire with a gift of fifteen maple trees in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the United States and the enduring friendship between our two countries. As neighbours, allies, and close partners, Canada and the United States share one of the most successful and longstanding bilateral relationships in the world. For generations, our peoples have been connected by common values, deep economic ties, and strong personal and cultural bonds. New Hampshire has long enjoyed a close relationship with Canada through trade, tourism, and people-to-people connections."

We, therefore, respectfully request the governor and executive council's approval to accept these trees to be planted at a location or locations in the State of New Hampshire as yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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Adam J. Crepeau
Commissioner

Canadian Consulate General



Consulat Général du Canada

Mr. Adam Crepeau
Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH 03301

August 19, 2026

Dear Commissioner Crepeau,

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I am pleased to convey Canada's wish to present the State of New Hampshire with a gift of fifteen maple trees in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the United States and the enduring friendship between our two countries. As neighbours, allies, and close partners, Canada and the United States share one of the most successful and longstanding bilateral relationships in the world. For generations, our peoples have been connected by common values, deep economic ties, and strong personal and cultural bonds. New Hampshire has long enjoyed a close relationship with Canada through trade, tourism, and people-to-people connections.

The maple tree is a cherished symbol of Canada, representing resilience, growth, and community. It is our hope that these fifteen trees will serve as a lasting tribute to the friendship between Canada and New Hampshire, while also commemorating the United States' semiquincentennial. As they grow over the years to come, they will stand as living symbols of the strong and enduring relationship that unites our nations.

The gift may include a mixture of red maple, Freeman maple, black maple, and/or cultivated varieties and will be sourced from either Quebec or Ontario. If there is a preference to exclude any of these tree species from the gift, please let us know. The trees are expected to be approximately 8–10 feet tall and container-grown. Most trees will likely be in 15-gallon containers, though 10-gallon or 20-gallon containers may be used depending on availability. For costing, each tree has a value of approximately \$250 (CAD), with larger trees valued closer to \$450 (CAD), so the total value is approximately \$5000 (CAD), but the distribution can be altered to meet any gifting requirements for your sites.

We would be delighted to work with your team to identify suitable locations and coordinate the delivery and planting of the trees. We believe this gesture offers a meaningful opportunity to celebrate our shared history and to look forward to many more years of cooperation and friendship. It is our hope that Governor Ayotte and Consul General Jordan can participate in a joint event to mark the initial planting once we determine a mutually convenient date.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. The Consulate looks forward to working with you and your team on this special commemorative initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Sunderland'.

Meaghan Sunderland
Acting Consul General of Canada
New England