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Dear Mayor:

Thank you for your letter of February 12, 2014, co-signed by Mayor Robert Anderson, City of International Falls, Minnesota, concerning your request to proclaim July 2, 2014, *International Peaceful Borders Day*.

I applaud your efforts in celebrating the long-standing friendship that we enjoy with our American neighbour and I am pleased to sign this year's proclamation.

I trust this year's event will be a big success with both communities. Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the end of the War of 1812 is a great occasion for a neighbourly tug-of-war.

A similar letter has also been sent to Mayor Anderson.

Yours sincerely,

His Worship Mayor Roy Avis
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, Ontario
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I trust that this year's tug-of-war event to mark the 200th anniversary of the end of the War of 1812 will be a big success. May the best team win!

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Yours sincerely,

His Worship Mayor Robert Anderson
City of International Falls
600 4th Street
International Falls, Minnesota 56649
United States of America

A Proclamation to Celebrate International Peaceful Borders Day July 2, 2014

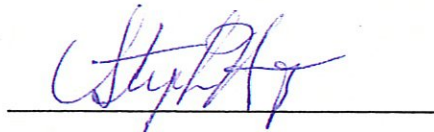
One hundred ninety nine years of peaceful borders between Canada and the United States have reinforced the strong bonds of friendship between these neighbouring nations. It bears remembrance that we share the longest, virtually undefended border in the world – a lesson of peace for all nations.

As Canada celebrates Canada day on July 1 and the United States celebrates Independence Day on July 4, a date marking Peaceful Borders Day between these two national celebrations honours the independence of each country while celebrating our shared histories of independence, interdependence and the ties of peace that bind us together.

To be mindful of our peaceful borders we should ponder our lives without them and seek specific ways to celebrate the social, educational, economic and cultural benefits we would not enjoy if we were hostile neighbours. As we celebrate International Peaceful Borders Day let us recommit to the building of lasting partnerships around the works so that all nations can know the blessing of good friends and good neighbours across peaceful borders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN HARPER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Prime Minister of Canada, do hereby proclaim July 2, 2014 as Peaceful Borders Day. I urge all citizens of both Canada and the United States to pause on this day to appreciate the blessings of good friends and good neighbours across peaceful borders and to honour this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities such as the "Pulling for Peace International Tug-Of-War held across the Rainy River in International Falls, Minnesota and Fort Frances, Ontario.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Harper", is written over a horizontal line.

Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister