

PROCLAMATION Youth Science Month

March 2006

Whereas, March has been declared *Youth Science Month* in Canada by the Youth Science Foundation of Canada in celebration of the hundreds of thousands of young Canadians across our nation participating in local and regional science and technology fairs this month; and

Whereas, thousands of our youth in Newfoundland and Labrador are participating in local and regional science fairs and the very best of these participants will champion our province at the Canada-wide Science Fair later this year, and all of these young, innovative scientists have worked diligently to produce projects which demonstrate resourcefulness, insight and imagination; and

Whereas, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are known for their originality, ingenuity and resourcefulness, it is in the best interests of our younger generations to acquire essential knowledge and skills in science and technology to fully participate in the technologically-driven world of today, and to further their future education and career prospects, and it is in the best interests of our society and economy to support the creation of a culture of innovation by nurturing a generation of scientifically literate young people who will push the boundaries of our knowledge, and improve the quality of our lives in the future; and

Whereas, all Canadians should support and celebrate our young scientists;

Therefore, we, the Honorable Kathy Dunderdale and the Honorable Joan Burke, do hereby declare March 2006 as *Youth Science Month* in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Signed at St. John's, Newfoundland, this 2nd day of March, 2006.

Honorable Kathy/Dunderdale

Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development

Honorable Joan Burke

Minister of Education