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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

I'm pleased to lend my support to members of the Bahá'í community living in Queensland as you mark the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of your founder, Bahá'u'lláh.

The bicentenary will be celebrated globally, including here in Queensland, on the weekend of 21–22 October 2017 and it is an important opportunity for many to celebrate the unity and equality of all people.

My Government believes that Queensland's rich diversity is one of our greatest strengths and we foster opportunities for people of all backgrounds to participate in all aspects of life in our prosperous state.

Through our *Multicultural Recognition Act 2016*, we are working alongside faith communities to ensure all Queenslanders have the opportunity to live harmoniously and participate fully in our society.

Australia's Bahá'ís come from all backgrounds and professions, living and working in our major cities as well as our regional and rural communities. With your reach across our State, I welcome the contributions made by Queensland's Bahá'í community and thank you for your ongoing efforts in local development activities to strengthen our communities.

My best wishes to our State's Bahá'í community as you celebrate with bicentennial events throughout Queensland.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anastacia Palaszczuk'.

**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
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