



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

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*Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders
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Dear Arctic Voyageurs:

I am delighted to have this opportunity to convey my warmest greetings and best wishes as you prepare to embark on Arctic Quest 2011.

Many quest participants are facing very trying personal health challenges with dignity and grace. Through this wonderful initiative, you are demonstrating that, with the right treatment and support, those facing challenging diagnoses can look to the future with hope and optimism. I know that many Canadians will be inspired by your courage, determination and resilient spirit.

I commend all of the participants of this quest as well as the Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders for raising awareness of rare diseases in Canada.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, Laureen and I hope you will enjoy a memorable time in Canada's beautiful Arctic and abundant health and happiness in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Harper". The signature is stylized and cursive.

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada*