

## **The Honourable Roy J. Romanow, P.C., O.C., Q.C.**

The Honourable Roy J. Romanow served as Premier of Saskatchewan from 1991 until 2001 and was first elected a Member of the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1967.

Between 1971 and 1982, Mr. Romanow served as Deputy Premier of Saskatchewan. Throughout these 11 years, Mr. Romanow also served as Saskatchewan's Attorney General and was responsible for the introduction of a number of justice system reforms.

In 1979, Mr. Romanow was appointed Saskatchewan's Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. He was one of the key players in the federal-provincial negotiations that resulted in the Constitutional Accord and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982.

On April 4, 2001, Mr. Romanow was appointed by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to head the Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada. The Commission's mandate was to recommend policies and measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of a universally accessible, high quality publicly administered health care system for all Canadians. The Commission's Final Report, entitled "Building on Values", was released on November 28, 2002.

Mr. Romanow was recognized by the Pan American Health Organization in 2003, receiving the Administration Award for his work on the Health Commission and his commitment to human rights and justice initiatives. In late 2003, Mr. Romanow was appointed to the Privy Council of Canada and was named to the Security Intelligence Review Committee. Starting in 2003, Mr. Romanow received the Economic Justice Award from the Atkinson Charitable Foundation in Toronto. Continuing in this capacity, he is the spokesperson for the Canadian Index of Wellbeing and is the Founding Chair of the Institute of Wellbeing Advisory Board.

In November 2003, Mr. Romanow was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Currently, Mr. Romanow holds the positions of Senior Fellow in Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan and a Visiting Fellow in the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University.