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B.C.'s Representative for Children and Youth to Receive Honorary Brock University Degree

VICTORIA – An honorary Doctor of Laws degree is being awarded to B.C.'s Representative for Children and Youth by Brock University.

“Brock is delighted to recognize Ms. Turpel-Lafond for her leadership, innovation and distinguished contributions to society,” says President Jack Lightstone, Brock University. “Her extraordinary humanitarian and public contributions to fostering awareness and understanding of the challenges and needs affecting vulnerable children in Canada mirror the values and vision of our university — to enhance the lives of the communities around us and to contribute to the betterment of society.”

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond said she is honoured to receive the degree. “Brock focuses on community involvement as essential to the development of well-rounded members of society. This is also so integral to helping us as a society move closer to fully addressing the needs of our most vulnerable, which makes this honour even more special,” she said.

The convocation ceremony at the Brock campus in St. Catharines, Ont. will include an address to graduating students by Turpel-Lafond, on Thursday, June 10, 2010.

Turpel-Lafond has also received honorary doctorates from B.C.'s Thompson Rivers University, Mount Saint Vincent University and the University of Regina. She holds a doctorate of law from Harvard Law School, a master's degree in international law from Cambridge University, a law degree from Osgoode Hall, and a bachelor of arts degree from Carleton University.

The Representative for Children and Youth is an independent Officer of the Legislature who champions the rights of vulnerable children and youth, and promotes improvements in the delivery of services to them.

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