

**Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités**

**Canadian Association of Retired Teachers**

**AGM – 2025**

At the June 6, 2025 Annual General Meeting the following resolution from the Retired Teachers Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (RTANL) was approved by the delegates in attendance.

“Moved that ACER-CART make an official statement in support of Canadian sovereignty”

Sovereignty generally refers to the supreme power or authority of a country to govern itself and its residents, free from external interference. This includes the power to make and enforce laws, control its borders and conduct its foreign affairs. It also encompasses the cultural and political identity of Canada as a nation.

Key aspects of sovereignty include the following:

**Internal Governance**

Canada has the authority to create and implement its own laws and policies without interference from other countries.

**External Relations**

Canada can independently engage in international relations, including formal treaties and alliances, and is not subject to the authority of any other country.

**Territorial Integrity**

Canada has the right to control its own territory, including its land, airspace and maritime boundaries.

**Constitutional Framework**

Canada’s sovereignty is enshrined in its Constitution, which outlines the distribution of powers between the federal, territorial and provincial governments.

In simpler terms, Canadian sovereignty means Canada has the right to govern itself and make its own decisions, free from control from any other country.

ACER-CART believes it is essential that Canada control its own destiny, support and strengthen its sovereignty and economic security and respond rapidly and effectively to any action threatening Canada’s vital interests. Our future as an independent and prosperous nation depends on this**. Elbows Up!**

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