

**Thousand Islands Bridge Authority**

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## **News Release and Invitation**

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### **Thousand Islands Bridge Commemorates 80 years on Saturday, August 18, 2018**

Collins Landing, NY – The Thousand Islands Bridge Authority will recognize 80 years of operation with a public celebration on Saturday August 18, 2018.

A public “open house” is planned for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Authority’s property adjacent to the U.S. toll plaza at Collins Landing. A video presentation on the Bridge’s construction, including archival images, will be shown throughout the day. Entertainment will be provided by the Brockville Pipe and Drums Band Brockville, ON at 11 a.m. and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Band, Fort Drum, NY at 1:30 p.m. A vintage/classic car show will be held representing the Bridge’s eight decades with drawings throughout the day for those participating.

Complimentary refreshments, including ice cream and non-alcoholic beverages will be served, in addition to commemorative coins and other memorabilia that will be handed out to those in attendance. The young, and young at heart, will enjoy games and activities including a ring toss, face painting, and corn hole.

Public parking is located near the Thousand Islands Bridge’s U.S. Span with golf cart transportation to the celebration tent provided.

Construction of the Thousand Islands International Bridge system began in May 1937 with a dedication ceremony taking place here a little more than a year and a half later on August 18, 1938 by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King of Canada officially opening this international crossing.