



## **Sandra Pupatello**

### **Minister of Economic Development and Trade**

Known for her distinguished record of community service and her dedication to improving the lives of all Ontarians, Sandra Pupatello's career in the Ontario legislature dates back to 1995 when she was first elected to the Windsor West riding.

Pupatello was appointed Minister of Economic Development and Trade in June 2009. The ministry combines three previous ministries: Small Business, International Trade and Investment, and Economic Development.

As part of her expanded portfolio, Pupatello is dedicated to sustaining and enhancing the economic competitiveness and growth of Ontario businesses, and creating high-value jobs for Ontario families by attracting international investment and helping domestic businesses transition to more innovative industries. Pupatello is committed to developing new opportunities for the next generation of Ontario's highly skilled workers.

Pupatello was appointed the Minister of International Trade and Investment in 2008. She previously served as Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Minister of Education, Minister of Community and Social Services and Minister Responsible for Women's Issues.

Pupatello has deep roots in the Windsor community. She was named honorary member of the Rotary Club of Windsor and a Paul Harris Fellow. In 1996, she was named Italian of the Year in Windsor-Essex County. In 2001, the University of Windsor honoured her with the prestigious Charlie Clark Award for Outstanding Service. In March 2003, Pupatello was named "Windsor Woman of the Year". In 2007, she received the prestigious Athena Award for the Windsor area, which recognizes men and women who provide a positive role model to encourage women to achieve their leadership potential in business. In January 2009, Pupatello was presented with the Award of Excellence in Community Service by The Canadian-Italian Business and Professional Association in Windsor.