



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

# PROCLAMATION

## FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS DAY

**WHEREAS** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder caused by prenatal alcohol exposure that can lead to lifelong physical, mental, and behavioural difficulties, as well as learning disabilities; and

**WHEREAS** recent studies suggest that close to 4% of Canadians live with this disorder; and

**WHEREAS** it is often difficult to diagnose FASD and diagnosis, treatment and support require an interdisciplinary team approach; and

**WHEREAS** it is important to bring attention to the risks of prenatal exposure to alcohol, raise awareness of the impact of FASD on individuals and communities, and encourage all Manitobans to learn more about the disorder and its effects; and

**WHEREAS** International FASD Awareness Day is held each year on September 9, which represents the ninth day of the ninth month of the year to symbolize the nine months of pregnancy.

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I, Nahanni Fontaine, Minister of Families, do hereby proclaim the day of September 9, in each year, as**

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throughout Manitoba and commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province.

*"Original signed by"*

Honourable Nahanni Fontaine  
Minister  
Manitoba Families

