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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) AWARENESS DAY ACT

MS GOEHRING

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(Assented to _____, 2016)

Preamble

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of Alberta is committed to increasing awareness about post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and its effects and the supports available to those who suffer from PTSD;

WHEREAS PTSD affects not only victims who have experienced trauma but also the families and friends of those victims;

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of Alberta recognizes the importance of the lived experience of those suffering from PTSD from traumatic experiences including refugees and survivors of residential schools, which can contribute to intergenerational and historical trauma, as well as victims of crime, and the Legislative Assembly of Alberta is committed to encouraging healing and reconciliation for those Albertans;

WHEREAS many of the individuals who Albertans rely on most to keep them safe and to help in traumatic situations including members of the military and military veterans, front-line workers, emergency personnel, rescue workers and first responders, are at a greater risk for developing PTSD than those in other occupations; and

WHEREAS an increased awareness of PTSD, its triggers and its long-term effects is important to ensure accurate and early diagnosis for Albertans who struggle with this disorder;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Day

1 In order to increase awareness about post-traumatic stress disorder in Alberta, the 27th day of June of each year, commencing in 2017, shall be known as “Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Day”.

