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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE, CONDEMNATION AND PREVENTION MONTH ACT

MR. SINGH

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2020)

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

Definition

1 In this Act, “Minister” means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

Purposes

2 The purposes of this Act are

- (a) to prevent acts of genocide by encouraging the Government to develop strategies to combat the causes of genocide, and
- (b) during the month of April in each year
 - (i) to recognize the impact of the atrocities of genocide on individuals who belong to the many different religious and ethnic communities of Alberta,
 - (ii) to remember those who were the victims of genocide,

- (iii) to promote better understanding of the causes of genocide, and
- (iv) to increase awareness of genocides that have occurred across the world, including the following:
 - (A) the Armenian genocide beginning April 24, 1915;
 - (B) the Ukrainian famine and genocide (Holodomor) of 1932-33;
 - (C) the Holocaust of 1933-1945;
 - (D) the Rwandan genocide beginning April 7, 1994;
 - (E) the Srebrenica massacre of July 1995;
 - (F) the Yazidi genocide beginning August 3, 2014;
 - (G) the Rohingya genocide, particularly events beginning August 25, 2017.

Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month

3 The month of April in each year is to be known as Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month.

Report

4(1) Within one year of the coming into force of this Act, the Minister must complete a report setting out the strategies and proposed actions that the Government commits to undertake to effect the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Minister must consult with the Minister responsible for the *Education Act* in the preparation of the report referred to in subsection (1).

(3) On completion of the report referred to in subsection (1), the Minister must

- (a) lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly

- (i) if the Legislative Assembly is sitting at that time, as soon as practicable, or
- (ii) if the Legislative Assembly is not sitting at that time, within 15 days after the day on which the Legislative Assembly commences its next sitting

and

- (b) within 60 days of its completion, make the report available to the public in a reasonable manner, whether or not the document has been laid before the Legislative Assembly.

Coming into force

5 This Act comes into force on January 1, 2021.

