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Bill 82

**An Act to proclaim Memorial Day for
Crimes Against Humanity Committed in
Cambodia Between 1975 and 1979**

Introduction

**Introduced by
Madam Kathleen Weil
Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to proclaim 19 September Memorial Day for Crimes Against Humanity Committed in Cambodia Between 1975 and 1979.

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AS the Khmer Rouge regime, which ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979, was responsible for the deaths of some 1.7 million people;

AS the atrocities committed during this period forced many Cambodians into exile and as over 10,000 of them took refuge in Québec in 1979 and the decade that followed;

AS a Cambodian community is present in Québec;

AS Québec society is committed to promoting human rights and freedoms;

AS commemorating the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge seeks to write the horrors experienced by its victims into Quebecers' collective memory;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** The nineteenth day of September is proclaimed Memorial Day for Crimes Against Humanity Committed in Cambodia Between 1975 and 1979.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

