

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Bill 795

An Act to proclaim Water Month

Introduction

Introduced by Mr. Sylvain Gaudreault Member for Jonquière

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to proclaim June Water Month in order to heighten public awareness and educate Quebecers about water and water-related issues.

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AS water is part of the common heritage of all Quebecers;

AS Québec has stewardship of 3% of the world's freshwater reserves;

AS water-related issues—including water safety and security, quantity, quality, aquatic ecosystems, accessibility and the cultural aspects of water—are little known to Quebecers;

AS global changes are already significantly affecting water resources;

AS knowledge about water-related issues will foster the implementation of good water management practices by all Quebecers, including but not limited to governments, waterfront residents, farm producers, forest producers and industrialists;

AS proclaiming Water Month would help heighten public awareness and educate Quebecers about this life-sustaining resource;

AS such awareness and education would help encourage all Quebecers to participate fully in making tangible efforts to preserve our water resources in a context of concerted, integrated management;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- **1.** To heighten public awareness and educate Quebecers about water and water-related issues, the month of June of each year is proclaimed Water Month.
- **2.** This Act comes into force on 1 June 2017.