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Bill 44

An Act to proclaim Aboriginal History Month

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

*The purpose of this bill is to proclaim the month of June as
Aboriginal History Month.*

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AS Aboriginal peoples have inhabited Québec territory since time immemorial;

AS the National Assembly has recognized, by resolutions adopted on 20 March 1985 and 30 May 1989, the existence of 11 Aboriginal nations;

AS the role played by these nations in the history and development of Québec is not properly understood by the people of Québec;

AS recognition of that role will contribute to the empowerment and pride of Aboriginal peoples;

AS proclaiming an Aboriginal History Month will increase the public's knowledge of the role played by Aboriginal peoples in the history and development of Québec;

AS this increased public knowledge will promote openness to pluralism and foster closer intercultural relations with Aboriginal nations;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** The month of June is hereby proclaimed Aboriginal History Month.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on 21 June 2013.

