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Bill 493

**An Act to proclaim Dwarfism Awareness
Month**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill proclaims the month of October as Dwarfism Awareness Month.

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AS an estimated 3,500 to 5,000 people in Québec have a dwarfism-related disease;

AS all dwarfism-related diseases have significant consequences on the physical health, daily life and social participation of those affected;

AS proclaiming a Dwarfism Awareness Month will help raise public awareness of this ill-known condition and overcome persistent prejudices about people with dwarfism;

AS October has been proclaimed as Dwarfism Awareness Month in several American States;

AS dwarfism is a condition recognized as a disability;

AS Quebecers are determined to abolish all forms of discrimination, including discrimination based on disability;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** The month of October is proclaimed as Dwarfism Awareness Month.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

