



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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Bill 198

**An Act to proclaim National
Homelessness Awareness Day**

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

*The purpose of this bill is to proclaim the third Friday in October
National Homelessness Awareness Day.*

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AS, in 2014, the Government adopted Québec’s national policy to fight homelessness, entitled “Together to avoid and get off the street”, which underscores the need to fight prejudice and promote harmonious social coexistence through raising public awareness about the homelessness phenomenon;

AS, despite this Government intervention, the homelessness crisis in Québec has intensified, marked by a significant increase in the number of people affected across the province;

AS homelessness is a collective responsibility that affects individuals and society as a whole;

AS has taken place, on every third Friday in October since 1989, the *Nuit des sans-abris* (night of the homeless), an event aimed at raising awareness about homelessness, poverty, and social exclusion;

AS it is necessary to step up efforts to fight homelessness;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** The third Friday in October is proclaimed National Homelessness Awareness Day.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

