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Bill 199

An Act to proclaim the International Day of Non-Violence

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to proclaim 2 October of each year the International Day of Non-Violence.

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AS Quebecers, in accordance with their values, have always refused to remain silent and inactive in the face of violent and bellicose actions, on both the national and international stages;

AS it is our duty as a democratic people to promote true tolerance and non-violence at all levels, from the individual to the State;

AS the General Assembly of the United Nations has decided that an International Day of Non-Violence will be commemorated each year on 2 October;

AS Quebecers' desire to help bring an end to all types of physical and psychological violence based on grounds such as sex, race, age, religion, political convictions or social and economic status has been affirmed time and again in the National Assembly of Québec;

AS there exists in Québec a strong desire to contribute, with the other members of the international community, to the message of non-violence, tolerance and respect for human rights and democracy;

AS proclaiming and commemorating the International Day of Non-Violence would contribute to strengthening the ideals of non-violence;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** The second day of October is proclaimed as the International Day of Non-Violence.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on *(insert the date of assent to this Act)*.

