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Bill 494

## **An Act to proclaim National Hepatitis C Awareness Day**

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**Introduction**

**Introduced by  
Mr. Amir Khadir  
Member for Mercier**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*This bill proclaims 29 April as National Hepatitis C Awareness Day.*

## **Bill 494**

### **AN ACT TO PROCLAIM NATIONAL HEPATITIS C AWARENESS DAY**

AS an ever-increasing number of Québec citizens are contracting hepatitis C;

AS the number of cases of hepatitis C diagnosed in Québec doubled at the beginning of the 2000s;

AS there is a steadily growing need for medical services to treat these citizens;

AS a significant majority of citizens diagnosed with the disease are not treated and do not have access to a treatment program;

AS more medical resources must be made available by the different health sector partners in order to meet the demand for primary care medical services;

AS there are many different needs in all regions of Québec, including outside urban areas;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** 29 April is proclaimed as National Hepatitis C Awareness Day.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).

