

Ministerial Order No. 2023-020

SENIORS, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES Office of the Minister

WHEREAS pursuant to section 3 of the Special Days Act, a Minister may declare a day as a special day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Alberta values the efforts of those raising awareness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and working tirelessly to support some of the province's most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS 174,000 Albertans are living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and many more, including family members and caregivers, are affected by the disorder;

AND WHEREAS partners across Alberta, including the Calgary Fetal Alcohol Network, are providing advocacy and community engagement to ensure individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder have the supports and resources to thrive and participate in their communities;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Alberta is committed to working with its partners to reduce the incidence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and improve prevention, diagnosis and support for Albertans living with the disorder and their caregivers.

I, JASON NIXON, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, pursuant to Section 3 of the *Special Days Act*, hereby declare September 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day in the Province of Alberta.

DATED this 25 day of DOSOS+ , 2023.

Jason Nixoh/ Minister of Services, Community and Social Services