

## ADVANCED EDUCATION

Office of the Minister MLA, Calgary-North West

## MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. 120/2024

## DECLARATION OF CONSENT AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta recognizes that every student attending postsecondary education in Alberta has the right to live free from sexual harassment and violence;

WHEREAS the first six weeks of the academic semester are considered a high-risk time for sexual violence:

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to increasing awareness of consent and healthy relationships, particularly among Alberta's youth, a population that disproportionately experiences sexual violence;

WHEREAS students, post-secondary institutions, and community-based organizations across Alberta acknowledge the third week of September as a time to raise awareness of consent; and

WHEREAS Consent Awareness Week in Alberta will provide an opportunity each September to increase the awareness of the importance of consent;

THEREFORE I, Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to section 3 of the Special Days Act, hereby declare the third week of September, commencing on the third Monday in September and concluding on the following Friday, as Consent Awareness Week in perpetuity in the Province of Alberta.

DATED this  $\frac{29}{40}$  day of August, 2024.

Rajan Sawhney

Minister of Advanced Education