



ALBERTA  
ARTS, CULTURE AND  
STATUS OF WOMEN

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**MINISTERIAL ORDER**

Whereas Canada's constitution prior to 1929 stipulated that "qualified persons" could be appointed to the Senate and only men were legally understood to be "persons", and, therefore, only men could be appointed to the Senate;

Whereas five women from Alberta, now known as the Famous Five, launched a legal challenge that would mark a turning point for equality rights in Canada including Alberta;

AND whereas on October 18, 1929, Canada's highest court of appeal handed down the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of "persons," known as the "Persons Case";

I, Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, pursuant to Section 3 of the *Special Days Act*, hereby declare October 18 as Persons Day in the Province of Alberta.

DATED at Edmonton, Alberta, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

Tanya Fir  
Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women