



DECLARATION

M.O. 611/2026

WHEREAS: Arthritis is a chronic condition characterized by inflammation, pain, and stiffness of one or more joints, often resulting in decreased range of motion;

AND WHEREAS: : Arthritis is a leading cause of pain and disability in North America;

AND WHEREAS: The prevalence of arthritis is higher in rural areas compared to those living in urban centres;

AND WHEREAS: The Government of Alberta acknowledges the invisible pain and fatigue endured by those with arthritis and commends the efforts of Arthritis Consumer Experts to support individuals and their families impacted by this chronic condition.

THEREFORE: I, ADRIANA LAGRANGE, MINISTER OF PRIMARY AND PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3(1) (A) OF THE SPECIAL DAYS ACT, HEREBY DECLARE OCTOBER 12 AS WORLD ARTHRITIS DAY IN PERPETUITY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

DATED AT *Edmonton* ALBERTA
THIS *20* DAY OF *April*, 2026.

Adriana LaGrange
The Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services