



DECLARATION

WHEREAS: Encephalitis is inflammation of the brain that is commonly caused by either viral infection or the body's own immune system attacking the brain;

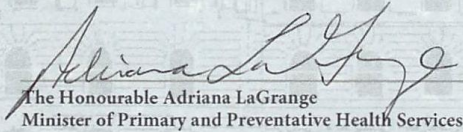
AND WHEREAS: Encephalitis can strike anyone, anywhere, at any time, and at any age, resulting in a serious and sometimes life-threatening medical emergency;

AND WHEREAS: Nerve cells may be damaged or destroyed by both the infection and inflammation, leaving survivors with an acquired brain injury;

AND WHEREAS: The Government of Alberta commends ongoing advocacy efforts to raise awareness of this serious condition, as increased public understanding can improve recognition and lead to better outcomes for patients and their families.

THEREFORE: I, ADRIANA LAGRANGE, MINISTER OF PRIMARY AND PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3(1)(A) OF THE SPECIAL DAYS ACT, HEREBY DECLARE FEBRUARY 22 AS WORLD ENCEPHALITIS DAY IN PERPETUITY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

DATED AT *Edmonton*, ALBERTA
THIS *10* DAY OF *December*, YEAR *2025*


The Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services