



DECLARATION

WHEREAS: Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes, also known as PANS, and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections, also known as PANDAS, are rare conditions that cause rapid onset of severe mental and physical health issues;

AND WHEREAS: Children affected by PANS/PANDAS quickly exhibit life-changing symptoms, such as obsessive-compulsive disorder, intense anxiety, tics, personality changes, changes in motor skills, sensory sensitivities, and restrictive eating;

AND WHEREAS: A lack of awareness of PANS/PANDAS can result in misdiagnosis of a psychiatric illness and ineffective management, and Alberta is proud to lead the country in the diagnoses and treatment of these conditions so that children and youth can make a full recovery;

AND WHEREAS: The Government of Alberta commends the efforts of parents, organizations such as the Inflamed Brain Alliance, and others that raise awareness of PANS/PANDAS to enhance education, advance research and provide meaningful support and positive outcomes for children and their families.

THEREFORE: THE HONOURABLE ADRIANA LAGRANGE IS PROUD TO DECLARE OCTOBER 9 AS WORLD PANS/PANDAS AWARENESS DAY IN ALBERTA IN PERPETUITY.


The Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services