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Bill 197

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**An Act to proclaim the International
Day of Peace**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is to proclaim 21 September of each year as the International Day of Peace.

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AS armed conflicts begin in the minds of human beings and it is in the minds of human beings that awareness of the need for peace must be heightened;

AS establishing a dialogue between cultures and civilizations and building greater solidarity among nations are of a nature to alleviate tensions and avert conflicts;

AS proclaiming and observing the International Day of Peace is conducive to strengthening the ideals of peace and solidarity;

AS countries and peoples across the world have recognized the importance of ensuring that the principle of peaceful resolution of international disputes is respected;

AS the General Assembly of the United Nations has decided that the International Day of Peace is to be observed on 21 September each year;

AS Québec is determined to play an active role, particularly within the French-speaking world, in preventing crises and conflicts in order to contribute to the maintenance of peace and international security;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The twenty-first day of September is proclaimed as the International Day of Peace.

2. This Act comes into force on 12 February 2008.