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Bill 595
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**An Act to proclaim Québec Perinatal
Bereavement Awareness Day**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this Act is to proclaim 15 October Québec Perinatal Bereavement Awareness Day.

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AS, each year, nearly 23,000 families in Québec are affected by the loss of a child during pregnancy, childbirth or the early postnatal period;

AS Québec society remains largely unaware of perinatal bereavement despite the prevalence of perinatal deaths and their psychosocial impacts;

AS, in Québec, elsewhere in Canada and internationally, several civil society stakeholders and States already recognize 15 October as the day for perinatal bereavement awareness;

AS it is appropriate to show support to families affected by perinatal bereavement and to raise awareness about this reality among Quebecers;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** The fifteenth day of October is proclaimed Québec Perinatal Bereavement Awareness Day.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on 1 February 2024.