

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION

MANITOBA ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS addiction is a major health issue; and

WHEREAS people of all backgrounds are impacted by addiction; and

WHEREAS substance abuse can create harm for individuals, families and

communities; and

WHEREAS prevention and early intervention activities help to minimize harm and

support positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS a continuum of addiction services provides support to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that recovery is a process of personal growth that is

ongoing and dynamic and is unique to the individual. Recovery involves family, peers, workplaces and the community and enhances physical,

social, mental, emotional and spiritual health; and

WHEREAS building knowledge through awareness and education is of critical

importance in giving people the information and tools they need to make

healthy and informed choices; and

WHEREAS it is deemed to be in the best interests of all citizens to heighten

prevention initiatives, awareness, reduce the stigma associated with

addiction and to promote recovery.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I, Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living for the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14-18, 2016 as:

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in Manitoba, and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province.

MINISTER