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Albertans Invited to Mark 30 Years of Family Day in the Place Where It All Began

EDMONTON – “I think it is fair to say that for most of us family comes first,” said the Honourable Robert E. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. “It was 30 years ago that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta passed the *Family Day Act*, becoming the first province in Canada to pass legislation for the now widespread holiday. A year later the first event in honour of families was held at the Legislature, a tradition we continue to this day. I invite Albertans to continue the tradition by participating in our celebrations on February 18 and, more importantly, by reflecting on the crucial role our families play in our lives and in building vibrant communities.”

Family Day at the Legislature: Monday, February 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be so much to see and do on Family Day at the Legislature. Whether families choose to get lost in the excitement of a history hunt in the iconic Legislature Building or to sing along with the musical stylings of Rattle and Strum at the Edmonton Federal Building, all activities are indoors, all ages and free.

Our brand of family fun will have kids marching to the tune of Dan the One Man Band, mesmerized by Ron Pearson’s magical sleight of hand and reveling in the carnival atmosphere, which will include a variety of games as well as snacks for purchase. Storytime with Rocky the Ram and the Lego® Zone will offer a reprieve from the hustle and bustle for those who enjoy a more relaxing pace, and the Neat Photo Booth will help visitors capture lasting memories.

The Pehonan Theatre will present *Our People Our Province*, an immersive 4-D journey through Alberta’s history. The Agora Interpretive Centre will offer hands-on multimedia activities for all ages, and the Borealis Gallery will present *Home Economics: 150 Years of Canadian Hooked Rugs*, which highlights the role crafting has played in community building in Canada. As well, visitors are invited to experience the new showcase in Alberta Branded, *Influence/Confluence*, a coming together of diverse works of art by 10 Alberta artists.

Visitors on Family Day are encouraged to travel by LRT to Grandin/Government Centre. The Legislature Building and the Visitor Centre can be accessed by pedway from the Government Centre stop, ensuring travelers stay warm while in transit.

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