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Celebrate 30 Years of Family Day in the Place Where it All Started, the Alberta Legislature

EDMONTON – “Since 1990 Family Day has offered Albertans a special opportunity to step aside from the hustle and bustle of daily life and place focus on our most precious asset, our families,” said the Honourable Nathan Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. “Family Day at the Legislature will offer history, crafts, games, magic shows, live music and more for all who wish to attend, but no matter where you find yourself on February 17, I hope you will take some time to celebrate family.”

Family Day at the Legislature: Monday, February 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year’s event offers a new way to discover historical sights and fun facts about Alberta while exploring the Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre, the underground pedways and the Alberta Legislature Building with Family Day bingo. Helpful Heritage Interpreters will be stationed throughout the indoor event site to offer clues to guide visitors on their way.

Families are invited to find history around every corner as they explore the Alberta Legislature Building open house. Enjoy musical and magical entertainment by world-class performers, including CBC Kids’ star Will’s Jams! Try out some crafts, games and LEGO® activities. Visit the Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre, and find free exhibitions and educational activities, including special screenings of Edmonton International Film Festival Family Shorts and storytime with Rocky the Ram. A variety of food vendors will also be on-site.

On Family Day visitors 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.

For full event programming and performance schedules please visit assembly.ab.ca.

Former Premier Don Getty introduced the Family Day Act in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 1989. The annual statutory holiday officially came into force on February 19, 1990, instating the third Monday of February as Family Day. Alberta was the first province in Canada to pass legislation for the now widespread holiday. This year the Legislative Assembly marks the 30th anniversary of Family Day in Alberta.

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