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WHEREAS: Myeloma, also known as multiple myeloma, is a type of blood cancer that develops in plasma cells found in bone marrow that often occurs in the spine, pelvic bones, ribs, areas of the shoulders and hips;

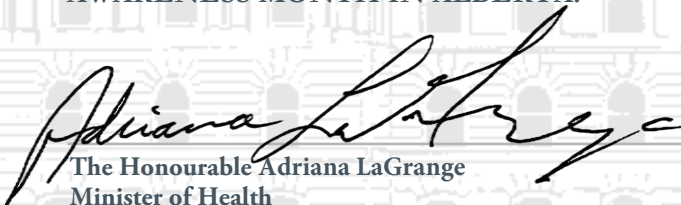
AND WHEREAS: : In 2023, 340 Albertans were diagnosed with myeloma and in the same year, 140 Albertans died of myeloma;

AND WHEREAS: Signs and symptoms of myeloma include bone problems, such as pain, weakness and fractures, anemia related fatigue, shortness of breath and dizziness, extreme thirst and recurring or persistent infections;

AND WHEREAS: Alberta's government recognizes that increased awareness is important, as early diagnosis and treatment can provide the best opportunity to slow the spread of myeloma and give patients the most positive outcomes through comprehensive cancer care;

AND WHEREAS: The government commends the ongoing efforts of The Lethbridge, Central Alberta and Grande Prairie Myeloma Support Networks, the Myeloma Alberta Support Society and the Southern Alberta Myeloma Patients Society to support Albertans living with myeloma, through patient advocacy, education and research.

THEREFORE: THE HONOURABLE ADRIANA LAGRANGE IS PROUD TO DECLARE MARCH 2024 AS MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH IN ALBERTA.



The Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Health