

# **First Responders Day Act**

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**An Act Respecting a Memorial Day  
to Honour First Responders**

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**Short title**

**1** This Act may be cited as the *First Responders Day Act*. 2023, c. 13, s. 1.

**Interpretation**

**2** In this Act,

(a) “first responder” means a volunteer or professional who, during the early stages of an emergency, is responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence and the environment, and includes a police officer, a firefighter, military personnel, an auxiliary coast guard member, a ground search and rescue volunteer, a medical evacuation pilot, a dispatcher, a paramedic, a nurse, a physician, a mental health provider, an emergency manager, a tow truck driver and such other volunteers or professionals the regulations prescribe;

(b) “Minister” means the member of the Executive Council charged with the responsibility for this Act. 2023, c. 13, s. 2.

**Regulations**

**3 (1)** The Minister may make regulations prescribing volunteers or professionals as first responders for the purpose of this Act.

**(2)** The exercise by the Minister of the authority contained in subsection (1) is a regulation within the meaning of the *Regulations Act*. 2023, c. 13, s. 3.

**First Responders Day**

**4** Throughout the Province, in each and every year, May 1st shall be kept and observed under the name of First Responders Day. 2023, c. 13, s. 4.