



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION

SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS** there is growing awareness that spirituality, inclusive of religion, is the way a person searches for meaning and purpose, hopefulness and connection and is an integral aspect of health and wellness; and
- WHEREAS** spiritual health care practitioners are specially trained to bring particular expertise and spiritual health care resources to addressing spiritual needs that arise within a health care context; and
- WHEREAS** spiritual and religious care is about respect for, and affirmation of, the way each individual in our multicultural and multifaith province searches for and finds meaning and purpose; and
- WHEREAS** we affirm that spiritual health care is a vital aspect of compassionate person-centered health care, and we join in celebrating Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week, October 16 to 22, 2017, and
- WHEREAS** the Manitoba government has planned and organized this recognition in order to:
- affirm positive spiritual and positive religious involvement have been linked to enhanced resiliency and to improved mental and physical health outcomes;
 - recognize the contribution of spiritual health care practitioners as health care professionals educated and trained to respond to the spiritual needs of Manitobans dealing with illness, trauma or injury;
 - express appreciation to Manitoba's health care institutions and their staff who integrate spiritual health care as part of whole person health care;

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 October 16 to 22, 2017, as:

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

*"original signed by
Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living"*

