

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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Bill 498 (2024, chapter 8)

An Act to proclaim National Maple Day

Introduced 8 December 2023
Passed in principle 21 February 2024
Passed 28 March 2024
Assented to 9 April 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this Act is to proclaim the third Sunday in October National Maple Day.

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AS maple products play a central role in Québec's cultural, social and culinary history;

AS Québec plays the dominant role in the global production of maple syrup;

AS maple syrup production has positive impacts on the economic development of Québec's regions;

AS maple syrup and its derivative products are a major attraction for Quebecers and international visitors;

AS sugaring season traditions have been designated as elements of Québec's intangible heritage;

AS maple products and the traditions related to them have helped forge Québec's identity and must continue to be a source of pride for the Québec nation;

AS it is expedient to promote Québec's maple products and to recognize the contribution of the people who showcase these products by proclaiming the third Sunday in October National Maple Day;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- **1.** The third Sunday in October is proclaimed National Maple Day.
- **2.** This Act comes into force on 9 April 2024.