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**An Act to establish the Musée national
de l'histoire du Québec**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this Act is to establish the Musée national de l'histoire du Québec, the functions of which are to make known and raise the visibility of the Québec nation's history, evolution, culture and distinct identity, and to bear witness to the contributions of the First Nations and the Inuit to its journey. The Act provides that the functions of the Musée are also to establish links with the Québec museum network and to ensure the participation of Québec in the international museum network through acquisitions, exhibitions and other cultural activities.

Lastly, the Act makes consequential amendments and contains transitional and final provisions.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001);
- Act respecting municipal taxation (chapter F-2.1);
- Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02);
- National Museums Act (chapter M-44);
- Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter R-8.2).

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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MUSÉE NATIONAL DE L'HISTOIRE DU QUÉBEC

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUSÉE NATIONAL DE L'HISTOIRE DU QUÉBEC

NATIONAL MUSEUMS ACT

1. The National Museums Act (chapter M-44) is amended by inserting the following section after section 3.1:

“**3.2.** A national museum is hereby established under the name of “Musée national de l’histoire du Québec”.”

2. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 24.1:

“**24.2.** The functions of the Musée national de l’histoire du Québec are

(1) to make known and raise the visibility of the history of the Québec nation, its evolution, its culture and its distinct identity, and to bear witness to the contributions of the First Nations and the Inuit to its journey; and

(2) to establish links with the Québec museum network and to ensure the participation of Québec in the international museum network through acquisitions, exhibitions and other cultural activities.”

3. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 26:

“**27.** The Musée national de l’histoire du Québec develops and submits to the Minister, in the manner determined by the Minister, recommendations relating to the commemoration and highlighting of sites, persons or events that have marked the history of the Québec nation.”

4. Section 41 of the Act is amended by replacing “or “Musée de la Civilisation”” by “, “Musée de la Civilisation” or “Musée national de l’histoire du Québec””.

CHAPTER II

AMENDING PROVISIONS

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT

5. Schedule 2 to the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001), amended by section 884 of chapter 34 of the statutes of 2023, is again amended by inserting “Musée national de l’histoire du Québec” in alphabetical order.

ACT RESPECTING MUNICIPAL TAXATION

6. Section 243.6.1 of the Act respecting municipal taxation (chapter F-2.1) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 3:

“(3.1) Musée national de l’histoire du Québec;”.

ACT RESPECTING THE GOVERNANCE OF STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

7. Schedule I to the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02), amended by section 1036 of chapter 34 of the statutes of 2023, is again amended by inserting “Musée national de l’histoire du Québec” in alphabetical order.

ACT RESPECTING THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION OF THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC AND PARAPUBLIC SECTORS

8. Schedule C to the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter R-8.2), amended by section 1213 of chapter 34 of the statutes of 2023, is again amended by inserting “— The Musée national de l’histoire du Québec” in alphabetical order.

CHAPTER III

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

9. The provisions of paragraph 4 of section 7 of the National Museums Act (chapter M-44) relating to the expertise and experience profiles of the members of the board of directors appointed on the Minister’s recommendation do not apply to the appointment of the first members of the board of directors of the Musée national de l’histoire du Québec.

However, when appointing those board members, the Government must ensure that they collectively have suitable expertise and experience in the following fields:

- (1) the history of Québec;

- (2) museum management;
- (3) heritage property management;
- (4) information resources management;
- (5) finance management and accounting;
- (6) human resources management, labour relations and organizational development;
- (7) governance and ethics;
- (8) auditing or risk management;
- (9) communication, marketing or business development;
- (10) law;
- (11) the history of the First Nations and the Inuit in Québec; and
- (12) the geography of Québec.

10. The provisions of section 3.3 of the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02) relating to the recommendation of the board of directors and the expertise and experience profile of the president and chief executive officer of a state-owned enterprise do not apply to the appointment of the first director general of the Musée national de l'histoire du Québec.

11. Until the first board of directors is formed, the director general of the Musée national de l'histoire du Québec exercises the functions and powers assigned by law to the board of directors.

12. Subject to the conditions of employment applicable to them, the employees of the Musée de la Civilisation identified in an agreement entered into between the Musée de la Civilisation and the Musée national de l'histoire du Québec become employees of the Musée national de l'histoire du Québec on the date determined in the agreement, which may not be later than the date that is two years after the date of coming into force of this Act. They retain the same conditions of employment.

13. The records and other documents of the Musée de la Civilisation respecting the setting up of the Musée national de l'histoire du Québec become, on the date of coming into force of this Act, those of the Musée national de l'histoire du Québec.

14. This Act comes into force on the date of the appointment of the first director general of the Musée national de l'histoire du Québec.

