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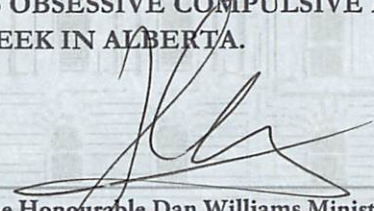
WHEREAS: Individuals with obsessive compulsive disorder live with a cycle of obsessions and compulsions, often compounded by depression and other anxiety disorders, that cause significant distress and/or impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of life;

AND WHEREAS: The quality of life can be improved for individuals living with obsessive compulsive disorder through awareness initiatives and treatment; awareness helps break down the stigma and misconceptions about obsessive compulsive disorder, helping people to seek the treatment they need to lead full and engaged lives in their communities;

AND WHEREAS: Providing access to evidence-based mental health supports and a continuum of recovery-oriented care is a priority of Alberta's government; by building mental wellness and resilience, the impacts of obsessive compulsive disorder can be reduced;

AND WHEREAS: The Government of Alberta commends organizations such as the Alberta OCD Foundation who are committed to raising awareness and reducing the stigma of obsessive compulsive disorder; they provide Albertans with the resources, knowledge and skills necessary to live full and engaged lives;

THEREFORE: THE HONOURABLE DAN WILLIAMS IS PROUD TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2024, AS OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER AWARENESS WEEK IN ALBERTA.



The Honourable Dan Williams Minister
of Mental Health and Addiction