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Bill 167

(Chapter 36 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2024)

An Act to proclaim Orthodox Christian Week

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2nd Reading	March 19, 2024
3rd Reading	December 11, 2024
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Preamble

Orthodox Easter Sunday, which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is the most significant and holy day in the Orthodox Christian Calendar.

The Orthodox Christian Church has over two hundred and twenty million followers across the world, mainly situated in Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia. Although a minority faith in Ontario, Orthodox Christians have settled here for generations and have established active churches and cultural associations which add to the diverse cultural fabric of our province.

Faith is a central part of many people's culture and identity. Proclaiming Orthodox Christian Week recognizes and celebrates the unique faith, culture, traditions and history of Orthodox Christians in Ontario and across the world.

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Orthodox Christian Week

1 The seven-day period in each year starting on Orthodox Easter Sunday is proclaimed as Orthodox Christian Week.

Commencement

2 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

3 The short title of this Act is the *Orthodox Christian Week Act, 2024*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This Explanatory Note was written as a reader's aid to Bill 167 and does not form part of the law.
Bill 167 has been enacted as Chapter 36 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2024.*

The Bill proclaims the seven-day period in each year starting on Orthodox Easter Sunday as Orthodox Christian Week.