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# Bill 258

## An Act to proclaim Battle of the Hatpins Day

**Mr. G. Bourguin**

**Private Member's Bill**

1st Reading      March 8, 2021

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



## **An Act to proclaim Battle of the Hatpins Day**

### **Preamble**

The Battle of the Hatpins of January 7, 1916 is an enduring symbol of Francophone rights in Ontario. Mothers, armed with rolling pins, cast-iron pans and hatpins, stood up and fought off enforcement officers attempting to prevent French-language instruction at Guigues School in Ottawa. The passion for education demonstrated by the sisters Béatrice and Diane Desloges during the Battle of the Hatpins inspired and continues to inspire Francophones to demand and fight for French-language education and Francophone rights in Ontario.

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

### **Battle of the Hatpins Day**

**1** January 7 in each year is proclaimed as Battle of the Hatpins Day.

### **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 *Battle of the Hatpins Day Act, 2021*.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill proclaims January 7 in each year as Battle of the Hatpins Day.