

The Tommy Douglas Day Act

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[Chapter T-15.002](#) of *The Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2005*
(effective May 27, 2005).

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CHAPTER T-15.002

An Act to acknowledge the contributions of Thomas Clement Douglas

Preamble

WHEREAS Thomas Clement (“Tommy”) Douglas served as Premier of Saskatchewan from 1944 to 1961;

AND WHEREAS, while Premier, Tommy Douglas was instrumental in the creation of Crown corporations to benefit the people of Saskatchewan, including Canada’s first publicly owned automobile insurance agency;

AND WHEREAS Tommy Douglas sought to improve the living standards and working conditions of rural Saskatchewan through rural electrification, building a modern highway system and support for the rural economy;

AND WHEREAS the government under Tommy Douglas used careful financial management to pay down the huge public debt and left a legacy of prudent financial management;

AND WHEREAS Canada’s first provincial Bill of Rights was enacted in 1947 to protect against discrimination and to ensure that each person had the right to fair treatment;

AND WHEREAS the government under Tommy Douglas created the Saskatchewan Arts Board in 1948, the first arts support agency of its kind in North America;

AND WHEREAS the government under Tommy Douglas introduced measures to modernize the rights of working people, including the introduction of a labour relations board and the creation of a professional, independent civil service;

AND WHEREAS the government under Tommy Douglas diversified Saskatchewan’s economy through support for new enterprises, the development of a steel industry and the growth of mineral exploration and extraction;

AND WHEREAS Tommy Douglas was instrumental in establishing Canada’s first public hospitalization program in 1947 and the creation of Canada’s first Medicare program;

AND WHEREAS Tommy Douglas sought to serve all people with compassion and fairness, displayed humour and honesty and conducted his government with principle, boldness, optimism and vision;

AND WHEREAS Tommy Douglas has been recognized as one of Canada’s greatest citizens;

AND WHEREAS October 20 is the anniversary of Tommy Douglas’ birth;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Tommy Douglas Day Act*.

October 20 to be Tommy Douglas Day

2 October 20 of each year is declared to be “Tommy Douglas Day” in appreciation of the work and contributions of Thomas Clement Douglas.

2005, cT-15.002, s 2.

Coming into force

3 This Act comes into force on assent.

2005, cT-15.002, s 3.