



The Honourable Rob Black
Senator for Ontario

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Senator Rob Black Speaks to *An Act to Establish Food Day in Canada*

Ottawa, November 30, 2021 – As sponsor of Bill S-227, *An Act to Establish Food Day in Canada*, The Honourable Rob Black, Senator for Ontario and Chair of the Canadian Senators Group (CSG) spoke today at the Second Reading of Bill S-227.

The *Food Day in Canada Act* represents an opportunity for Canadians to join together in a national celebration of Canadian food and the people who make it happen, from farms to our forks. Farmers, chefs and restaurateurs, as well as individuals and organizations from coast to coast to coast honour this informal annual event each summer.

During the speech, Black paid tribute to Anita Stewart, the founder of Food Day Canada, who passed away last year after losing her battle with pancreatic cancer. Anita created Food Day Canada in response to the 2003 BSE crisis, which threatened the Canadian beef industry. Anita was a food activist, a cookbook author, and the first Canadian food laureate at the University of Guelph. Above all, she was a champion of local food and of the stories behind the food.

“I am confident that, if we choose to establish *Food Day in Canada*, Canadians from all walks of life will have the opportunity to learn more about the bountiful foods that are grown in our soils and the many types of livestock that are raised on our farms,” said Black. “This day will give Canadians, young and old, an opportunity to thank the farmers who put food on our tables each and every day.”

Since the first Food Day Canada in 2003, the event has grown into a cross-country celebration that embodies Canadian culture, cuisine, and ingredients.

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