Introduction

I am very pleased to present the 1999 Alberta Vital Statistics Review. This review summarizes all births, marriages, deaths and stillbirths occurring in Alberta during the past calendar year. Not only does this document meet our legislative requirements under the *Vital Statistics Act*, it also serves as a useful resource for both the public and the health care-related professions.

All events registered in 1999 were used in the compilation of this annual review. My sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the process of providing information, and producing this valuable document.

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