## Introduction

I am very pleased to present the 2002 Alberta Vital Statistics Review. This review summarizes all births, marriages, deaths and stillbirths occurring in Alberta during the 2002 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 health care-related professionals.

All events registered in 2002 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.

David C. Coutts Minister Government Services

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