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Mr. Forbes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. November is Prostrate Cancer Awareness Month, but in recent years it's probably been better known as Movember, and I for one will be participating in growing out a moustache to raise money and awareness for men's health issues.

This Movember Foundation was created in 2003 to help spread the Movember message, and since then more than \$677 million have been raised by the Mo brothers in every corner of the globe.

Over the last few years, Movember has expanded its focus to include mental health in addition to men's cancers, and it's an important step because far too many men don't reach out and get the help they need because of the stigma associated with mental illness. There's certainly more that we need to do to improve access and availability of services in all parts of the province, but we also need to make sure that the stigma associated with mental health, mental illness goes away and that men everywhere know that they can come forward and get the help they need.

I know, in this Chamber, Movember over the past few years has seen incredible support from all members for growing great moustaches or by generous support, and I am confident Movember 2015 will see some very impressive results. And so, Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in recognizing the beginning of Movember and in thanking all of those who are involved with organizing and promoting this very important event. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.