



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** The history of the gay rights movement began in June of 1969 as a protest in opposition to discriminatory laws and practices against the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Though progress has been made since the first marches, the Pride movement continues to serve as a reminder that some 2SLGBTQ+ people are still denied basic civil rights protections.
- Whereas** In November 2018, Canada's Prime Minister made an official apology for Canada's role in the criminalization, oppression, and violence towards the 2SLGBTQ+ community.
- Whereas** Red Deer is a signatory to the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities and a member of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's Welcoming and Inclusive Communities program.
- Whereas** The City of Red Deer's vision includes a welcoming community where everyone feels safe and can fully participate in community life. We view diversity as a strength and recognize the contribution that Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, intersex, and transgender individuals have made to our community.
- Therefore** I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of The City of Red Deer, hereby affirm our community as a place where all persons are treated with dignity, respect, and equality, and where The City of Red Deer leads by example.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of The City of Red Deer, Alberta, to be affixed.



Ken Johnston
Mayor

