



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Whereas The City of Red Deer recognises and honours the Cree and Blackfoot people who have inhabited this land since time immemorial. Their stewardship of the land and its flora and fauna, are a model of current and future generations.

Whereas In 1924 Catherine Gaetz, Grace Gaetz, and John Jost Gaetz donated 300 acres of their land to the Federal Government to create The Red Deer Migratory Bird Sanctuary; Alberta's first "Dominion Bird Sanctuary".

Whereas It is recognized that Sanctuary spaces like the Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary provide critical homes, breeding grounds, hunting and feeding grounds, and resting places for myriad animals.

Whereas For 100 years the Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary has benefited from official, legal protection at the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal levels, against harvesting, hunting, poaching, and/or land development, including draining the lakes or stripping the land's resources.

Whereas The people of Red Deer have, for 100 years, banded together to protect this remarkable piece of land from human interference, and to help it recover from disaster

Therefore I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, do hereby recognize 100 years of environmental and cultural protection provided by the Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary, and proclaim June 27, Gaetz Lakes Sanctuary Awareness Day. I encourage all Red Deerians to visit, explore, and work to protect this precious piece of land, and the plants and animals it shelters.

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

Mayor Ken Johnston
City of Red Deer

