



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** Domestic economic abuse is a pattern of control, exploitation or sabotage of money, finances, and economic resources (car, food, education, transportation) which affects an individual's capacity to acquire, use and maintain economic resources and threatens their economic security and self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS** A lack of access to economic resources undermines a woman's independence, such as leaving abusive relationship, limiting her access to social support services, undermining mental and physical well-being, and exacerbating other risk factors contributing to homeless, generational trauma, and other forms of marginalization affecting women; and

**WHEREAS** Women who experience economic abuse are five times more likely to experience physical and other forms of gender-based violence, and 99% of situations that include coercive control will lead to economic and financial abuse.

**WHEREAS** Economic abuse has severely impacted numerous generations of Canadians and continues to occur regardless of socioeconomic status, race, age, or other identity factors; and

**WHEREAS** It is of utmost importance that government, at all levels, take action to support survivors of financial and economic abuse.

### NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2024 of each year as "Economic Abuse Awareness Day" in Red Deer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of The City of Red Deer to be affixed.

Mayor Ken Johnston  
City of Red Deer