



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** The City of Red Deer recognizes the importance of the estimated 100,000 British Home Children, from infancy to age 18, sent to Canada as indentured farm labourers and domestic servants; and

**WHEREAS** The goal of Canada's national British Home Child Day is to raise community awareness and the need to gain knowledge of this little-known era of Canadian history that extended from 1869 to 1948; and

**WHEREAS** The awareness of this history is the responsibility of each and every one of us and we must recognize and acknowledge the contribution made by these children to the development of communities throughout the Red Deer area; and

**WHEREAS** We especially honour those British Home Children who made Red Deer and area their home; and left, as their legacy, their descendants to carry on local development and traditions.

### NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, do hereby proclaim that September 28th, 2024, be known as British Home Child Day in the City of 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

