



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) affects more than 250,000 Canadians, yet fewer than 25% of adult patients are connected with specialized CHD care centers to reliably receive the medical support they need; and
- WHEREAS:** Advances in medical care mean that today, 90% of children diagnosed with CHD survive to adulthood, compared with only 20% sixty years ago, creating a growing population of young adults who require lifelong cardiac care; and
- WHEREAS:** Living with CHD can take a toll on both physical and mental health, yet there are limited psychological supports available for those affected; and
- WHEREAS:** CHD Awareness Week highlights the experiences of individuals living with CHD, raises awareness of their needs, and encourages research, support, and improved care;

### NOW THEREFORE,

I, Mayor Cindy Jefferies, do hereby proclaim February 7–14, 2026, as CHD Awareness Week in Red Deer, Alberta, and encourage all residents to learn more about CHD, support those affected, and help build a community that fosters awareness, care, and hope for individuals living with this condition.

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

  
Mayor Cindy Jefferies  
City of Red Deer

