



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** Children are our most important resource, and it is our collective responsibility to care for and protect them; and

**WHEREAS** Statistics indicate that individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Canada and other industrial nations face the risk of developmental delays, learning disabilities, early school drop-out, homelessness, addiction issues, trouble with the law and mental illness; and

**WHEREAS** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are preventable and, to reduce the incidence of FASD, it is essential that women in pregnancy are provided with support and information; and

**WHEREAS** September 9th, 2022 is recognized as the 22nd “International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day” in Red Deer by the “Central Alberta Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Network”.

### NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, encourage Red Deerians to take the opportunity to act with understanding towards those individuals and their loved ones whose lives have been affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol and to help raise awareness for FASD prevention.

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

  
Ken Johnston  
Mayor

