

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS

February has been recognized in Canada as Black History Month to celebrate Black Canadians, African Canadians, and Canadians of African descent for individual and community achievements while overcoming systemic barriers. This month is an opportunity to celebrate the economic, cultural, social, spiritual, and political contributions of Black Canadians to our country, our province, our city, and our communities. It is an opportunity to acknowledge and recognize those who were here before us, who paved the way for equality and excellence.

WHEREAS

During Black History Month all citizens are encouraged to celebrate the diversity of Black cultures, languages, and customs. All are encouraged to observe this month by actively participating in community activities, being intentional in learning about the diversity of Black communities and to work together to create a more fair and inclusive Red Deer.

WHEREAS

The City of Red Deer supports community organizations that are working together to promote inclusivity, diversity, and equality for all people. We are committed to working collaboratively to build a community that celebrates diversity and creates inclusivity.; and

NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, encourage all citizens to participate in commemorating this month as part of our local efforts to build a racism-free and discrimination-free world.

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 The City of Red Deer

