



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** In 1971, the federal government stated that Canada would embrace a policy of multiculturalism; and
- WHEREAS** in 1982, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms recognized multiculturalism under section 27; and
- WHEREAS** Canada became the first country with a national multiculturalism law in July 1988 when it passed the Canadian Multiculturalism Act; and
- WHEREAS** the Government of Canada enacted this legislation to reflect the changing reality of Canada's ethnic and racial diversity; and
- WHEREAS** on November 13, 2002, the Government of Canada declared June 27th to be the annual date for Canadian Multiculturalism Day; and
- WHEREAS** the Canadian Multiculturalism Act acknowledged multiculturalism as a fundamental characteristic of Canadian society and one that plays a vital role in shaping Canada's future; and
- WHEREAS** the Canadian Multiculturalism Act affirms that individuals have the right to preserve and share their cultural heritage while retaining their right to full and equitable participation in Canadian society.

THEREFORE NOW, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo do hereby proclaim that **June 27th, 2020** as:

“Canadian Multiculturalism Day”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Fort McMurray, Alberta, this **19th of June 2020**.

Don Scott, QC
Mayor

