



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, 2018** 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 **26th of June, 2018**.

Don Scott, QC
Mayor

