



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Louis Riel was born in the Red River Settlement, in what is now Manitoba, in 1844. A promising student who was ambitious, well-educated and bilingual, Riel quickly emerged as a leader among the Métis of the Red River.

Riel became the voice of the Métis people during a formative time in Canadian history and was largely responsible for the entrance of the province of Manitoba into Confederation.

He led two rebellions, the Red River Rebellion of 1869–1870 and the North-West Rebellion of 1885, the latter of which he was the undisputed spiritual and political leader. He both devoted and sacrificed his life to defending the rights of the Métis people.

WHEREAS November 16th is one of the most important dates on the calendar for the Métis Nation because it was on that day, in 1885, that leader Louis Riel was executed for defending the rights of the Métis; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta has declared ‘Louis Riel Day’ on this date each year for the tens of thousands of Métis members in the province to remember its founding leader;

THEREFORE NOW, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **November 16th, 2018** as:

“Louis Riel 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 **16th day of November 2018**.

Don Scott, Q.C.
Mayor

