

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has established September 30th, 2021 as the first annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; and
- WHEREAS** the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is intended to educate and remind Canadians about the history of residential schools, honour victims, survivors, and their families, and ensure that public commemoration of this legacy is a critical part of the reconciliation process; and
- WHEREAS** The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada's Calls to Action provide important direction to all individuals and orders of government to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance reconciliation; and
- WHEREAS** The recent findings of unmarked graves at former residential school sites across Canada have increased the urgency to meaningfully address the TRC's Calls to Action; and
- WHEREAS** The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is committed to advancing reconciliation through strengthened relationships with Indigenous governments, organizations, and communities, and through education and advocacy efforts; and
- WHEREAS** The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo embraces the opportunity to engage with Indigenous communities, hear the truth of residential schools from survivors and families, and support the process of reconciliation through collaborative partnerships; and
- WHEREAS** The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is located within Treaty 8 Territory, the traditional lands of the Cree and Dene, and the unceded territory of the Métis.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **September 30, 2021**, as:

“NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION”

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 **30th day of September 2021**.

Don Scott, QC
Mayor

