



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the province of Alberta experienced 789 deaths related to opioid overdose in 2018; and
- WHEREAS** Athabasca Tribal Council works in partnership with harm reduction agencies to deliver substance abuse education, including the prevention of opioid overdoses and information on treatment options through community engagements, open houses, and information sessions; and
- WHEREAS** Athabasca Tribal Council and Northreach Society have provided free naloxone training and kits and are committed to providing our communities with the tools and knowledge needed to decrease the number of overdose deaths; and
- WHEREAS** ‘International Overdose Awareness Day’ was initiated by the Salvation Army in Melbourne, Australia in 2001. This year in Fort McMurray, Athabasca Tribal Council and Northreach Society will be honouring those whose lives have been lost to overdose, providing harm reduction resources and offering support to anyone affected by this tragedy.

THEREFORE NOW, I, Jane Stroud, Deputy Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, on behalf of Don Scott, Mayor do hereby proclaim **August 31st, 2019** as:

“Overdose Awareness 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 **28th day of August 2019**.

Jane Stroud
Deputy Mayor

