



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the province of Alberta witnessed 687 deaths related to opioid overdose in 2017 with 14 of those occurring in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo; and

WHEREAS HIV North Society has worked to provide substance abuse education, including the prevention of opioid overdoses and free harm-reduction supplies to community members; and

WHEREAS HIV North Society has provided free naloxone training and kits and is committed to providing our community 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, HIV North 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; and

WHEREAS the Saline Creek Bridge will be lit purple in support of this occasion.

THEREFORE NOW, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **August 31st, 2018** 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 2018**.

Don Scott, QC
Mayor

