



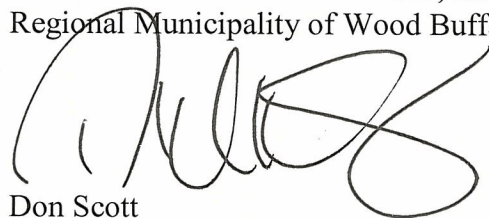
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the United Nation's international day for the eradication of poverty is celebrated on October 17th throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS** the first commemoration of the event took place in Paris, France, in to honor victims of poverty, hunger, violence, and fear; and
- WHEREAS** according to The Poverty Reduction Network, 28 per cent of households in the region earn less than the average cost of living; and
- WHEREAS** more than 2,000 households in the region spend more than 50 per cent of their income on rent and utilities; and
- WHEREAS** there is an appetite to strengthen public awareness regarding the state of poverty and homelessness in our region; and
- WHEREAS** The Poverty Reduction Network is helping to address poverty and homelessness by working together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty and homelessness in our community.

THEREFORE NOW, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **October 15th to October 22nd, 2019** as:

“Poverty and Homelessness Awareness Week”

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 **8th day of October 2019**.



Don Scott
Mayor

