



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) places a high value on the contributions of residents that help us grow together as a community and inspire community spirit; and

WHEREAS the RMWB recognizes that our residents include advocates in a variety of forms, including those who travel across thousands of miles as an ambassador, raising awareness and bringing joy with a pair of goggles and a wagging tail; and

WHEREAS over the course of 10 years and almost 100,000 kilometres, Winky and his human, Allan (Sandy) MacDonald, created a movement of compassion through their Cause for Paws in support of the Fort McMurray Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, both in the RMWB and across Canada and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS over this same time Winky reached thousands of people, as far away as Australia and the United Kingdom, through his website and Facebook page ‘Winky Rides’, generating a vast social alliance of followers resulting in a ‘pawsitive’ impact to everyone he touched; and

WHEREAS in doing so, our friend Winky demonstrated the best of the human-animal bond and the best in what brings us together as a community and as a larger society.

THEREFORE NOW, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **June 7th, 2020** to be:

“Winky’s Day”

In honour and loving memory of Winky, beloved co-pilot and companion of Allan (Sandy) MacDonald, whose Winky Rides travels and advocacy for Cause for Paws, will ride on as one of the RMWB’s most well-known, well-loved residents.

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 **2nd day of June 2020**.

**Don Scott, QC
Mayor**

