



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** 2026 is International Year of Volunteers, with National Volunteer Week an opportunity to celebrate the strength and impact of volunteerism in our community; and
- WHEREAS** This year's National Volunteer Week theme is *Ignite Volunteerism*, a year-long effort to elevate the role of civic participation, rebuild volunteer infrastructure and celebrate volunteer stories; and
- WHEREAS** The goal of this campaign is to celebrate volunteers while inspiring a new generation of participation – creating stronger, sustainable and welcoming communities; and
- WHEREAS** More than 11,000 volunteers give their time in this region each year, and in 2025, volunteer work in the region generated approximately \$310,000 according to FuseSocial; and
- WHEREAS** During National Volunteer Week and all year long, we are called to recognize the contributions of all volunteers in the region, and their dedication to the communities in which we live.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **April 19 to April 25, 2026**, as:

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER 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 19th day of April 2026.

Sandy Bowman
Mayor

