REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Transgender Awareness Week is observed annually in Alberta and across Canada from November 13-19, recognizing, supporting, and honouring the transgender community and bringing attention to the stories and experiences of transgender people; and

WHEREAS the week-long observance leads to the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, an annual day of remembrance for those who have lost their lives due to acts of transphobic violence and systemic oppression; and

WHEREAS at least two transgender youth have died by suicide in the region, showing that there is work to do in building a safer and more welcoming community; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is committed to building a community where everyone is valued and can reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS Wood Buffalo Pride is recognized for raising awareness, demonstrating the region's values of equity and inclusion, and helping to build a region where all residents can enjoy and celebrate who they are.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **November 13 to 20, 2026** as:

TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK

&

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

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 **10th day of November 2026.**

Sandy Bowman
Mayor

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