

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is a diverse community, and

celebrates and values people of all backgrounds, cultures, nationalities, faiths

and religions; and

**WHEREAS** the region is home to thousands of people of Muslim faith, who enrich the region

with their cultures and traditions; and

WHEREAS Ramadan is observed by people of Muslim faith in the region and around the

world as a time of fasting, prayer, reflection and community; and

WHEREAS Since 2017, Markaz UI-Islam and the Fort McMurray Islamic Centre has hosted

the annual Ramadan Fast-a-Thon, a gathering which is open to everyone, and where people are encouraged to fast a day in solidarity with those suffering

with food insecurity; and

WHEREAS the annual Ramadan Fast-a-Thon has played a positive role in enriching

friendship, connection, learning and understanding between people of all backgrounds, with a focus on well-being and spiritual and mental health.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **March 8, 2025**, as:

## RAMADAN FAST-A-THON 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 eighth day of March 2025.

**Sandy Bowman** 

Mayor

