



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (the Municipality) recognizes, honours and celebrates National Indigenous Languages Day; and
- WHEREAS** the Municipality is committed to taking short-, medium-, and long-term actions to recognize that oral traditions and teachings are passed down from generation to generation through language sharing, and are critical for maintaining traditional knowledge; and
- WHEREAS** the Municipality recognizes that Indigenous languages are a valued component of local Indigenous culture and are central to identity, worldview, good governance and expression of self-determination; and
- WHEREAS** the Municipality will strengthen its commitment to working with First Nations and Métis communities in Wood Buffalo to preserve and revitalize Cree, Dene and Michif languages while honouring traditional language speakers.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **March 31, 2024**, as:

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES 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 27th day of March 2024.

Sandy Bowman
Mayor

