



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is committed to building a welcoming and inclusive community for all; and
- WHEREAS** every resident of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has the right to realize their potential regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, and to live at all times in conditions of dignity, respect, and peace; and
- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo recognizes that misinformation, discrimination, and violence impacting the 2SLGBTQ+ community is an ongoing issue requiring collective action; and
- WHEREAS** the goal of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is to increase understanding and visibility for members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and to encourage discussion about what it means to be a queer, trans or Two Spirit person; and
- WHEREAS** the elimination of all forms of discrimination, including homophobia, transphobia and biphobia, is an ongoing process as we strive to create a society in which all individuals are valued and celebrated for their unique identities and contributions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **May 17, 2024**, as:

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA

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 14th day of May 2024.

Sandy Bowman
Mayor

