



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** violence against Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit+ people is a systemic national crisis that requires urgent action; and
- WHEREAS** Indigenous women and girls are 12 times more likely to be murdered or disappear and more than six in 10 Indigenous women report having been physically or sexually assaulted; and
- WHEREAS** Missing or Murdered and Exploited Indigenous Peoples (MMEIP) recognizes the importance of acknowledging the violence committed against Indigenous boys, men and gender diverse persons; and
- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo supports the justice-related Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit+ People, to honour and remember the people and families impacted by this ongoing national tragedy; and
- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo commits to creating greater understanding and awareness of the ongoing violence committed against Indigenous Peoples in Wood Buffalo.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **May 5, 2026**, as:

## NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, AND TWO-SPIRIT+ PEOPLE

**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 fifth day of May 2026.

  
Sandy Bowman  
Mayor

