



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** French and English are the two official languages of Canada, with French being the first non-Indigenous, European language spoken in what is now Alberta; and
- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is home to approximately 4,400 French-speaking people; and
- WHEREAS** the French-speaking population in the region has increased three-fold since 2001; and
- WHEREAS** the region has a strong, diverse, and vibrant French-speaking community, which contributes to our social, economic and cultural fabric; and
- WHEREAS** the ACFA régionale de Wood Buffalo has been working in the region since 1980 by organizing events, providing community services and holding workshops; and
- WHEREAS** 2018 marked the Government of Alberta's official proclamation of March as Alberta Francophonie Month.

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

ALBERTA FRANCOPHONIE MONTH

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 first day of March 2025.

Sandy Bowman
Mayor

