

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS	overdose continues to be a leading cause of preventable death in our region,
	affecting families, friends, and loved ones from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS	this crisis can be impacted by stigma, silence, and barriers in accessing life-
	saving resources;

WHEREAS	it is important to stand in solidarity with those we've lost, those who continue
	to struggle, and the families who carry the pain of overdose loss every day;

WHEREAS	we believe that no one should be left behind, and every life lost to overdose is
	one too many; and

WHEREAS	we encourage all residents to take this opportunity to remember those we've
	lost, support those still here, and work together to end the stigma and save
	lives.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **August 31st, 2025**, as:

## **OVERDOSE AWARENESS 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 31st day of August 2025.

Sandy Bowman

Mayor

