



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** International Day of Persons with Disabilities is recognized worldwide on December 3, having first been proclaimed in 1992; and
- WHEREAS** approximately one in eight people live with disability and too often face discrimination, differential treatment or barriers to access; and
- WHEREAS** all those who live, work and play in the region benefit from the invaluable contributions of people with disabilities in every aspect of life; and
- WHEREAS** those with disabilities can be more likely to face discrimination, including women with disabilities who experience gender-based violence at two-times of the rate of the general population; and
- WHEREAS** we encourage everyone to celebrate the accomplishments of people with disabilities, promote an understanding of barriers faced by people with disabilities, and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, access, and well-being of people with disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **December 3, 2024**, as:

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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 third day of December 2024.

Sandy Bowman
Mayor

