

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is a diverse community, and celebrates and values people of all backgrounds, cultures, nationalities, faiths and religions;

and

WHEREAS according to Statistics Canada's 2021 Census, Christianity is the largest

religion in Canada, with more than half of Canadians identifying as Christian;

and

WHEREAS Christianity is an ethnically and culturally diverse religion, and is founded on

principles of hope, love, compassion, justice and service, values that can be

shared by people of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS December is a significant month in the Christian calendar, from the beginning of

Advent to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25; and

WHEREAS December is connected with traditions of charity, generosity and the gathering of

family, friends and people of all faiths.

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

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE 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 twelve day of December 2024.

Sandy Bowman

Mayor

