



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 4,390 French-speaking people; and
- WHEREAS** the French-speaking population in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has increased three-fold since 2001; and
- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has a strong, diverse, and vibrant French-speaking community and is proud to recognize the diversity of our region; and
- WHEREAS** the French-speaking community contributes to the social, economic and cultural fabric of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo; and
- WHEREAS** the ACFA régionale de Wood Buffalo has been working in the region since 1980, organizing events, providing community services and workshops; and
- WHEREAS** 2018 marked the Province of Alberta's official proclamation of March as the Alberta Francophonie Month.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **March 2024** 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 1st day of March 2024.

Sandy Bowman
Mayor

