



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo values the contributions of residents that inspire community spirit; and
- WHEREAS** residents include advocates in a variety of forms, including those who travel across thousands of miles, as an ambassador, and by raising awareness and bringing joy with a pair of goggles and a wagging tail; and
- WHEREAS** over the course of 10 years and almost 100,000 kilometres, Winky and his human, Allan (Sandy) MacDonald, created a movement of compassion through their *Cause for Paws* in support of the Fort McMurray Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, all across the continent; and
- WHEREAS** Winky inspired thousands of people around the world online through *Winky Rides*, generating a vast alliance of followers resulting in a *pawsitive* impact to everyone he touched; and
- WHEREAS** in doing so, our friend Winky demonstrated the best in the human-animal bond, and the best in what brings us together as a community and larger society.

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

## WINKY 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 fifth day of June 2026.

Sandy Bowman  
Mayor

