



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: February has been recognized in Canada as Black History Month since 1995. Black Canadians, African Canadians, and Canadians of African descent have contributed and continue to contribute to the building of our communities, despite erasure in Canadian, Provincial, and local representations of history. Black History Month is an opportunity to acknowledge and recognize the injustices and inequalities that exist in our communities and call attention to the need for social, political, and cultural change towards a more equitable society.

WHEREAS: Black History Month is an opportunity to continue to celebrate the contributions of Black Canadians to our economic, cultural, social, and political progress; we recognize the need for continued support of Black Elders, youth, seniors and community leaders. We support The International Decade for People of African Descent which calls for strengthening actions and measures to ensure the full realization of the economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights of people of African descent, and their full and equal participation in society.

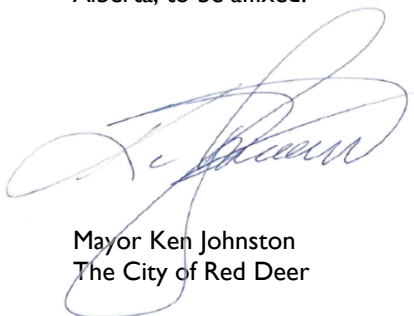
WHEREAS: During Black History Month all citizens are invited to celebrate the diversity of our culture and our heritage. Citizens are encouraged to participate in opportunities to learn about how racism is imbedded in our way of life, and how we can all make sustainable changes for creating peaceful and inclusive community development. Opportunities to learn are not limited to Black History Month, moving onward together means opportunities are available all year to participate in creating a call to action for allies.

WHEREAS: The City of Red Deer has been a signatory to the Canadian Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities since 2013 and are committed to working collaboratively to build a community that celebrates diversity and creates inclusivity. The City of Red Deer supports community organizations that are working together to promote inclusivity, diversity, and equality for all people.

NOW THEREFORE,

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, encourage all citizens to participate in commemorating this month as part of our local efforts to build a racism-free and discrimination-free world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of The City of Red Deer, Alberta, to be affixed.



Mayor Ken Johnston
The City of Red Deer

