



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 endured slavery and racism in our communities, and erasure in Canadian, Provincial, and local representations of history. Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of black Canadians to our economic, cultural, social, and political progress. It's 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

During Black History Month all citizens are encouraged to celebrate the diversity of our culture and our heritage, to learn about how racism is imbedded in our way of life, and to learn how we can all make changes to create a community that is inclusive and safe for all.

WHEREAS

The City of Red Deer supports community organizations that are working together to promote inclusivity, diversity, and equality for all people; and

WHEREAS

The City of Red Deer is a signatory to the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination since 2013, and going forward, we're committed to working collaboratively to build a community that celebrates diversity and creates inclusivity.

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 to be affixed.



Ken Johnston
Mayor

