



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### PROCLAMATION

**Whereas** Community support has been critical throughout the Arthritis Society Canada's 75-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with cutting-edge research, bold innovation, fiery advocacy, and evidence-based information and patient-centered support.

**Whereas** Arthritis is not just arthritis. Arthritis is serious. It causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. Six million Canadians – 1 in 5 – live every day with the fire of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of Canadians with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040.

**Whereas** During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we seek to raise voices and awareness, and we are encouraging everyone who lives with arthritis – and all those who know and love them – to fight the fire of arthritis

**Whereas** The Arthritis Society Canada is a Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.

**Therefore** I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, hereby proclaim the month of September as Arthritis Awareness Month in the City of Red Deer.

**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  
City of Red Deer

