

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 economic development or related professionals worldwide are committed to creating, retaining, and expanding top-tier opportunities that facilitate long-term, equitable community growth; and

WHEREAS, the economic development profession cultivates thriving neighborhoods, champions sustainability and resiliency, boosts economic prosperity, enhances the quality of life, and builds robust tax bases; and

WHEREAS, economic development professionals operate throughout diverse economic environments, including rural, suburban, and urban settings; local, state, provincial, and national governments; public-private partnerships; chambers of commerce; institutions of higher education; among many similar organizations and associations; and

WHEREAS, economic development professionals serve as stewards, bridging connections between community stakeholders such as residents, business leaders, elected officials, industry executives, and educational administrations, to collaborate in promoting job creation, community investment, infrastructure advancements, and an optimistic future; and

WHEREAS, economic developers contribute to the betterment and progress of the City of Red Deer within the province of Alberta in Canada.

WHEREAS, since 1926, the International Economic Development Council has been a leader and driving force in advancing economic development initiatives, with a steadfast commitment to fostering growth and prosperity in communities of all sizes worldwide through equity, inclusion, sustainability, resilience, and innovation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Red Deer recognizes the week of May 6 through May 10, 2024, as Economic Development Week, and remind individuals of the importance of this community celebration which supports expanding opportunities, bettering lives, and moving society forward.

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

