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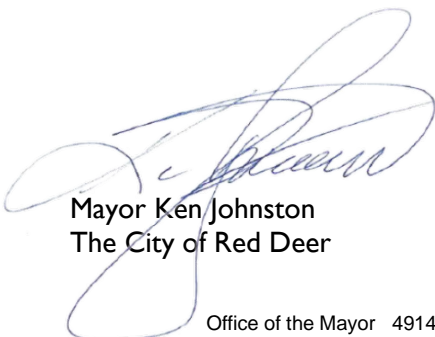
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** March is Myeloma Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness, funding research, and supporting those living with myeloma and their loved ones; and
- WHEREAS:** Every day, 11 Canadians are diagnosed with multiple myeloma (myeloma), a little-known and, as of yet, incurable blood cancer, and this number is rising steadily. Diagnosis is often long and difficult, and for countless Canadians, may take months, even years, cutting short too many precious lives.
- WHEREAS:** Myeloma is the 2nd most common form of blood cancer, yet sadly most people have never heard of it. Myeloma is associated with the abnormal behaviour and uncontrolled growth of a type of white blood cell—the plasma cell. Plasma cells are made in the bone marrow—the spongy tissue found inside bones—and when they're healthy, they are an important part of your body's immune system because they help fight infection by producing antibodies that attack germs.
- WHEREAS:** The cause or causes of myeloma remain relatively unknown but there is increasing research that suggests possible associations between myeloma and a decline in immune function, genetic factors, and the environment.
- WHEREAS:** The number of Canadians diagnosed with myeloma is steadily increasing year after year. While there is not yet a cure, people with myeloma are living longer and better lives thanks to recent breakthroughs in research and treatment.

NOW THEREFORE,

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, encourage Red Deerians to help raise awareness for Myeloma and how it affects citizens in our community and to support national research efforts.

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

