



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** Volunteers and service clubs play a critical role in affecting the outcomes of: the well-being of children and youth, local governments, healthcare, sports and recreation, arts and culture, animal welfare, environment, education and training, service clubs, advocacy groups, emergency and crisis response and many more spheres of community life; and

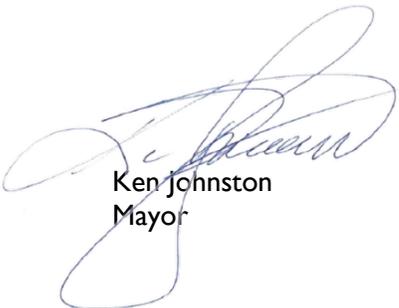
**WHEREAS** There are 2400 Optimist Clubs, with more than 70,000 Optimist members, in Optimist International throughout the world that carry out more than 6,500 service projects that serve and improve the quality of life for six million young people a year; and

**WHEREAS** The first Thursday of every February is recognized as “Optimist Day” by the Optimist Club of Red Deer. “Optimist Day” recognizes the tremendous impact of philanthropy, volunteerism, and community service in Red Deer and region; and

### NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, encourage Red Deerians to mark this day in recognition of our local Optimists for the impact they have had and continue to have for the people of our country.

**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

