

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the strength and impact of volunteerism in our community and across our country; and

WHEREAS the National Volunteer Week theme for 2022, Volunteering is Empathy in Action, affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy.

where wolunteering can help us to see the world through the eyes of others, connect people with diverse backgrounds and life experiences, and expand our views. It can enhance our capacity to work collectively to build a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS more than 6,000 volunteers give their time to help others locally each year and during the 2021 pandemic year, volunteer work in the region generated a dollar value of approximately \$140,000; and

WHEREAS during National Volunteer Week 2022, we are called to celebrate the contributions of all volunteers in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo, their actions, understanding, genuine concern and dedication to the communities in which we live.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **April 24 - 30, 2022**, as:

"NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Fort McMurray, Alberta, this 12th day of April 2022.

Sandy Bowman Mayor