

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS child care is a vital community service that supports healthy families

and a healthy economy, and

WHEREAS quality early learning and child care programs contribute to children's

healthy development and desire to learn and strengthen their cultural

identity and language, and

WHEREAS child care providers are essential to providing quality, safe child care, and

WHEREAS child care providers, parents, federal, provincial and municipal

governments, business, community associations, First Nations and Aboriginal communities and all citizens share a commitment to ensuring that quality child care spaces are available for families, and

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WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo supports and promotes

the delivery of safe, culturally relevant and high quality child care options to ensure programs and services are available to support and

protect our most vulnerable children and families, and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo encourages the community

to celebrate these individuals who support, educate, and dedicate themselves to the children of Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

THEREFORE NOW, I, Melissa Blake, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood

Buffalo declare May $22 - 26^{th}$, 2017 as:

"Child Care Appreciation Week"

IN WITNESS THEREOF, 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 17th day of May, 2017.

Melissa Blake

Mayor