



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS** Louis Riel was a well-educated and bilingual Métis person from Red River Settlement, who emerged as a historic leader among the Métis people of Canada; and
- WHEREAS** Riel led the Red River Rebellion of 1869-1870 and the North-West Rebellion at Batoche of 1885; and
- WHEREAS** Riel became the voice of the Métis people during a formative time in Canadian history and was primarily responsible for the entrance of the Province of Manitoba into Confederation; and
- WHEREAS** the Métis people and their descendants have significantly contributed to the exploration, growth and development of Canada; and
- WHEREAS** the Métis Nation of Alberta has declared November 16 as ***Louis Riel Day*** for tens of thousands of Métis members in Alberta to remember their founding leader on the date of his death in 1885; and
- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo honours Métis history and culture, including Louis Riel's place in Canadian history and its important relationship with the region's Métis people.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **November 15 - 22, 2021**, as:

“MÉTIS 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 **9th day of November 2021**.

Sandy Bowman
Mayor