



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S)

May 5, 2023

WHEREAS; May 5th is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) in Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS; this national day is also known as “Red Dress Day” as in 2010, Metis artist, Jaime Black used red dresses to represent missing and murdered Indigenous woman, girls and two-spirit people and red dresses continue to be worn and displayed to honour and commemorate this day; and

WHEREAS; today many Indigenous People continue to experience systemic and individual discrimination and Indigenous woman, girls, and Two-Spirit people experience highly disproportionate levels of life-threatening and gender-based violence, trauma, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS; surrounding Indigenous Nations continue to experience the loss of loved ones and we stand in solidarity with the families here in Spruce Grove and across Canada who have missing, or murdered family members and the City of Spruce Grove is committed to actively engage with Indigenous Nations and Peoples in the spirit of reconciliation;

THEREFORE, I, Reid MacDonald, Councillor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the 5 day of May 2023 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People Day in the City of Spruce Grove.