March 13, 2019

City of Cold Lake Attn: Mayor Craig Copeland 5220-54 street Cold Lake, Alberta T9M-1A1

Dear Mr. Copeland,

The Lakeland Area Early Childhood Development Coalition would like to ask for your assistance in proclaiming the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup>, Early Child Development Awareness Week. Our goal is to have all communities working together to promote healthy development for all children.

The Lakeland Area Early Childhood Development Coalition is a community effort spearheaded by a group of dedicated community agencies that have an invested interest in our children's development. Please help us honor all individuals whom encourage early development in these important years from 0-5 years.

Our focus during Early Child Development Awareness Week will be to promote a community where no child experiences developmental difficulties. By using education, newly released EDI data (Early Development Instrument), some amazing free giveaways that week and promotional campaign we hope to encourage parents, caregivers, and teachers that a good start to any child's life is priceless. Our focus to why the early years are important, why children need to be heard, and getting children ready for kindergarten will help children exceed and meet their goals in the future.

It is our hope that a designation of Early Child Development Awareness Week in the City of Cold Lake will aid in generating awareness and promote the future of this city, as we continue to make our community a better place to live

Thank you for considering this request,

On behalf of the Lakeland Area Early Childhood Development Coalition,

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