



City of *Cold Lake*

## PROCLAMATION

### FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS DAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

**WHEREAS**, children are our most important resource and it is our responsibility to care for, nurture and protect them; and

**WHEREAS**, statistics indicate that individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in Canada and industrial nations throughout the world, face the risk of developmental delays or learning disabilities, early school drop-out, homelessness, addictiveness, trouble with the law and mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce the incidence of FASD, it is essential that women in pregnancy are provided with support and information; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, professionals, individuals living with FASD and other people around the world will observe the twentieth International FASD Awareness Day on September 9, 2019, with a Minute of Reflection at 9:09 a.m.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Craig Copeland, Mayor of the City of Cold Lake, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2019 as "**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day**" in the City of Cold Lake. I encourage everyone to act with compassion and understanding towards those individuals whose lives were affected by alcohol before they were born.

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Craig Copeland, Mayor

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019