



His Worship Mayor Craig Copeland
Office of the Mayor
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Cold Lake, AB T9M 1A1

July 31, 2019

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Alberta Veterinary Technologist Association (ABVTA). The ABVTA celebrates National Registered Veterinary Technologist Month during October of every year, in coordination with all provincial RVT Associations in Canada as well as with our national association, the National Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada (RVTTTC).

Throughout 2019, the ABVTA celebrated its 40th year as a registered society in 2019 and was founded to support and empower a knowledgeable network of Registered Veterinary Technologists to advance our profession while providing compassionate veterinary care. The ABVTA is the voice of veterinary technologists in Alberta. Our members are one of two professionals licensed in Alberta to practice veterinary medicine. We are a strong association of united individuals, who drives the profession of veterinary technology and places emphasis on professional development and educational advancement.

2019 will mark the third year for RVTs across Canada celebrating RVT Month. This month is intended to highlight the critical role and multi-faceted contributions that RVTs make in the veterinary medical profession. We currently have over 1800 registered members in the province of Alberta. All RVTs have completed an Animal Health Diploma program, or equivalent and have successfully completed the Veterinary Technicians National Examination (VTNE). RVTs work in a diverse range of settings which may include a veterinary practices, pharmaceutical and veterinary supply representatives, ranch and feedlot operations, zoos and wildlife rehabilitation centres and government agencies.

We sincerely hope that you will assist us in celebrating this special month through a proclamation in recognition of the vital role that veterinary technologists make in their respective communities.

Sincerely,

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Vanessa George, RVT
ABVTA Executive Director

Encl.:

1. RVT Month Press Release
2. Proclamation



RVT Month To Be Celebrated Across Canada This October
Canada's RVTs Celebrating Coast to Coast

The Alberta Veterinary Technologist Association (ABVTA) is pleased to announce that October will once again, be recognized as RVT Month across Canada. The ABVTA has teamed up with the national (RVTTTC) and provincial RVT associations (BCVTA, SAVT, MVTA, OAVT, EVTA), to promote, celebrate and recognize Registered Veterinary Technicians and Technologists throughout the month of October.

Since 1993, the third week of October has typically been recognized as National Veterinary Technician Week (NVTW). As the profession has advanced across Canada, due in part to the legal credential adoption of Registered Veterinary Technologist or Technician (RVT), it was felt that one week was not enough time to celebrate the profession. The knowledge and experience of an RVT is one of the most incredible aspects of our profession. RVTs are formally educated in countless areas within veterinary medicine and employed in areas such as, anesthesia, dentistry, lab animal research, industry sales; equine medicine, avian and exotic medicine; nutrition, radiology; production animal and shelter medicine to name a few. RVTs work alongside veterinarians across the country to provide animals with the highest quality of healthcare.

There are a number of initiatives planned throughout the month of October to help promote and recognize the RVT profession. More information can be found on our website at, www.ABVTA.com.

We are looking forward to witnessing practices, members, stakeholders and the public getting involved in celebrating RVTs throughout the month! We are grateful for the teamwork and collaboration that has happened between the provincial associations in order to make this a national event.

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Sincerely,

Vanessa George, RVT
ABVTA Executive Director



Registered Veterinary Technologist Month Proclamation

Whereas, Registered Veterinary Technologists (RVTs) are integral members of the veterinary health care team, work in veterinary medicine throughout Alberta and are extremely vital in the effort to provide quality animal health care to insure the humane treatment of all animals and protect public safety and interest;

Whereas, there are four college programs in Alberta, accredited by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) providing intensive study of the skills and knowledge to work competently as a Registered Veterinary Technologist, including anatomy, physiology, microbiology, clinical techniques, pharmacology, anesthesiology, surgical and veterinary nursing, radiology and clinical pathology training;

Whereas, it is important that each Registered Veterinary Technologist maintain certification, registration or licensure through the successful completion of a national examination, practice mandatory lifelong learning through continuing education and uphold high ethical standards;

Whereas, Registered Veterinary Technologists will be joining their colleagues across Canada to urge all to become aware of the important contribution of Registered Veterinary Technologists to the health and well-being of all animals, public safety and biosecurity; therefore be it

Resolved, that the month of October be designated as RVT Month.