



City of *Cold Lake*

PROCLAMATION

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS DAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term that describes the range of effects that can occur in an individual who was prenatally exposed to alcohol; and

WHEREAS, children and adults with FASD in Canada and around the world experience lifelong physical, mental, and behavioural difficulties, as well as learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, caregivers, families, professionals, and individuals living with FASD, as well as others around the world, will observe the 21st International FASD Awareness Day on September 9, 2020, 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, 2020 as

“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day”

in the City of Cold Lake. I encourage everyone to act with compassion and understanding towards individuals who have experienced prenatal alcohol exposure and to take both personal and professional responsibility to become better informed about FASD and prevention strategies.

Craig Copeland, Mayor

Dated this 8th day of September, 2020