



City of **Cold Lake**

PROCLAMATION

Pride Month June 2023

WHEREAS, the Progressive Pride Flag is raised in celebration of Pride Month, and to honour 2SLGBTQ+ Community Members of the City of Cold Lake. The colours of the flag represent the diversity of the community. The colour Red signifies life; Orange is healing; Yellow is sunlight; Green represents nature; Blue symbolizes serenity, peace and harmony; Purple represents spirit; Pink and Teal represent transgender individuals, brown represents people of colour and AIDS survivors and Black represents surrounding communities, those who are no longer living; and

WHEREAS, June is Pride Month, to recognize and commemorate the 1970 first Canadian Gay Liberation March, which sparked the social movement for human rights of lesbian and gay people; and

WHEREAS, during Pride Month, the world's 2SLGBTQ+ communities come together to celebrate sexual diversity and the freedom to be themselves, to overcome prejudice and be accepted for who they are; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a movement to stand against discrimination and violence, to promote dignity, equal rights, self-affirmation and a way of increasing awareness of the issues the 2SLGBTQ+ people face; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month raises awareness and understanding of the 2SLGBTQ+ Community while promoting equity, inclusivity and a greater acceptance of diversity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cold Lake is honouring Pride Month as June, 2023, to support, recognize and celebrate contributions and diversity of the 2SLGBTQ+ people to our communities; and

WHEREAS, diversity of sexual orientation, a gender identity and gender expression represents a positive contribution to society as therefor a matter of pride and celebration; and

WHEREAS, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ are entitled to live with pride safely and freely. As well as, openly free of homophobia, transphobia, violence and all forms of discrimination at the intersection of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, ability and socio-economic class; and

WHEREAS, everyone who is a member or supports these diverse communities is encouraged to help, organize and participate in pride celebrations while honouring prides historic roots, as a protest in the struggle for their rights.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Craig Copeland, Mayor of the City of Cold Lake, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023, to be

“Pride Month”

in the City of Cold Lake and encourage residents to commit to continuing awareness, inclusion, and acceptance for all members of our Community regardless of gender identity, race, age and beliefs.

Craig Copeland,
Mayor

Dated this 6th day of June, 2023