

PROCLAMATION

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day September 9, 2023

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

WHEREAS: Children and adults that have FASD within the world, experience lifelong physical, mental, and behavioral difficulties, as well as learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Caregivers, families, professionals, and individuals living with FASD, along with many others around the world, will observe the 25th International FASD Awareness Day on September 9, 2023, with a minute of reflection at 9:09 a.m.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Craig Copeland, Mayor of the City of Cold Lake on behalf of Cold Lake Council, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2023 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 how to prevent it.

Craig Copeland, Mayor

Dated this 8th day of August, 2023