



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation Pride Month

June 2023

WHEREAS; June is recognized annually as Pride Month in communities across Canada and the world to commemorate the Stonewall Riots that began on June 28, 1969, in New York City; as well as an opportunity to celebrate the diversity, resilience, and contributions of Two-Spirit people, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex or otherwise sexually or gender diverse (2SLGBTQI+) individuals; and increase people's understanding of individuals who are 2SLGBTQI+; and

WHEREAS; the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Alberta Human Rights Act upholds equality for individuals regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS; despite these systemic changes to support equality for all and the ongoing resilience demonstrated by 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, they are at an increased risk to experience discrimination on a daily basis and are more likely to experience violence, mental health issues, poverty, and being unsheltered; and

WHEREAS; it is imperative that people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel safe and are supported by the community; and

WHEREAS; as a city that values community connections and wants to ensure all our residents feel a sense of belonging, we must work together to support the 2SLGBTQI+ community and fight back against hatred, discrimination, harassment and violence; and

WHEREAS; the recognition of Pride is integral to fostering belonging, increasing public awareness of the 2SLGBTQI+ community and their contributions to our city;

THEREFORE, I, Danielle Carter, Councillor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as Pride Month in the City of Spruce Grove.