

May 2025 Proclamations

National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP)

May 5, 2025

WHEREAS; May 5th is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People in Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS; this national day is also known as “Red Dress Day” as Métis artist, Jaime Black used red dresses to represent missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited people and red dresses continue to be worn and displayed to honour and commemorate this day; and

WHEREAS; today many Indigenous People continue to experience systemic and individual discrimination and Indigenous people experience highly disproportionate levels of life-threatening violence, trauma, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS; surrounding Indigenous Nations continue to experience the loss of loved ones and we stand in solidarity with the families here in Parkland County and across Canada who have missing, or murdered family members and Parkland County is committed to actively engage with Indigenous Nations and Peoples in the spirit of reconciliation;

THEREFORE, Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim May 5th as Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Day in Parkland County.

National Hospice Palliative Care Week

May 4-10, 2025

WHEREAS; May 4-10, 2025, observes the twenty-second annual Hospice Palliative Care Week;

WHEREAS; National Hospice Palliative Care Week aims to strengthen support networks – health care teams, caregivers, family, friends, neighbours - with the aim of improving end-of-life care;

WHEREAS; during National Hospice Palliative Care week, Canadians are encouraged to engage in a public discussion about the facts and supports regarding death, dying, and loss and bereavement;

THEREFORE; Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim the Week of May 4-10, 2025 as National Hospice Palliative Care Week in Parkland County.

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Emergency Preparedness Week

May 4-10, 2025

WHEREAS; Emergency Preparedness Week is a Canada-wide initiative to increase awareness about individual and family preparedness, emphasizing how the public can reduce the risks and consequences of an emergency by being better prepared;

WHEREAS; An emergency situation can happen anywhere and anytime. We all need to be prepared to deal with these events at the personal, community, municipal, provincial/territorial, and federal government levels;

WHEREAS; Building awareness is a great first step;

WHEREAS; Everyone can take an active role in your community to build a culture of preparedness;

THEREFORE; Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim the Week of May 4-10, 2025, as Emergency Preparedness Week in Parkland County with the theme "Be Prepared. Know your risks". You are encouraged to prepare your family for a disaster by knowing the risks in your region; making a family emergency plan and practice it; and; preparing an emergency kit for your home and vehicle.

Goodwill Week

May 4-10, 2025

WHEREAS; Goodwill Industries of Alberta is one of the largest employers of people with disabilities in the province, enhancing lives through meaningful career development and job creation;

WHEREAS; Goodwill Industries is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Albertans through their commitment to bring dignity and joy to individuals through the power of work;

WHEREAS; Parkland County supports the work of Goodwill Industries and their commitment to educate and share their mission through communities in Alberta;

THEREFORE; Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim May 4-11, 2025 as Goodwill Week in Parkland County.

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National Nursing Week

May 12-18, 2025

WHEREAS; Parkland County is committed to the health of its community;

WHEREAS; Citizens are demanding access to quality health care services and need competent health-care providers;

WHEREAS; Nurses provide care wherever and whenever needed and the priority of nurses is to care for and about people;

WHEREAS; Registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses and licensed practical nurses help Albertans by providing continuous care throughout the health system;

THEREFORE; Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2025, as National Nursing Week in Parkland County with the theme “The Power of Nurses to Transform Health”.

National Public Works Week

May 18-24, 2025

WHEREAS; Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Alberta;

WHEREAS; these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential to our citizens;

WHEREAS; It is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Alberta to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities;

WHEREAS; the year 2025 marks the 65th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association;

THEREFORE; Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim the week of May 18-24, 2025 as National Public Works Week with the theme “People, Purpose, Presence”; and urge all citizens to join with representatives of American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association and governmental agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay

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tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

World Bee Day **May 20, 2025**

WHEREAS; A large percentage of all the food mankind consumes exists because of the tireless work of the honey bee;

WHEREAS; seventy percent of our food crops are pollinated by the honey bee;

WHEREAS; Honey bees are disappearing at an alarming and unsustainable rate all over the world for reasons not fully explained by science;

WHEREAS; The public needs to be made aware of the dire threats to the honey bee;

THEREFORE, Parkland County Council, does hereby proclaim May 20 as “World Bee Day” in Parkland County and encourage citizens to recognize this day and the honeybee that creates the food we place on our tables.

Paramedic Services Week **May 18-25, 2025**

WHEREAS; Emergency medical services is a vital public service;

WHEREAS; The members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours per day, seven days a week;

WHEREAS; Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury;

WHEREAS; The emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others;

WHEREAS; The members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills;

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WHEREAS; It is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Paramedic Services Week;

THEREFORE; Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim the week of May 18-25, 2025, as Paramedic Services week in Parkland County with the theme "We Care. For Everyone".