

Parkland County Proclamation

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

May 5, 2024

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, I Allan Gamble, Mayor of Parkland County, do hereby proclaim May 5th as Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Day in Parkland County.