

September 2022 Proclamations

Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month September 2022

Muscular Dystrophy is a group of neuromuscular disorders that have no known cure. In almost all cases, there are few treatments and no way to stop the disorder's progression. Muscular Dystrophy Canada is a national, non-profit organization committed to funding research into the causes, treatments, and eventual cure of neuromuscular disorders, as well as providing services to people with neuromuscular disorders and public education.

WHEREAS; People today have the opportunity to live longer lives because of breakthroughs in medical research, and

WHEREAS; Muscular dystrophy is a neuromuscular disorder that affects many and has no known cure, and

WHEREAS; Only through the support of the community may a cure be found;

THEREFORE; The Council of Parkland County does hereby declare September 2022 as "Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month" in Parkland County.

Alberta Culture Days September 1 - 30, 2022

WHEREAS; Alberta Culture Days began in 2008 as Alberta Arts Day, a one-day event to recognize the value of Alberta's arts and cultural communities.

WHEREAS; Since then, it has expanded into a vibrant, three day, province-wide celebration that has helped inspire the creation of Culture Days - a pan-Canadian movement to raise the awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of all Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities.

WHEREAS; In 2011, thousands of Albertans discovered, experienced, and celebrated our artistic sector, heritage, cultural diversity and provincial pride through 1,046 events in 93 communities.

WHEREAS; Alberta Culture Days will continue to showcase the province's arts, multicultural, heritage and nonprofit/voluntary organizations; creative industries and individual artists, while encouraging all Albertans to discover the important contributions of culture to a prosperous, vibrant society.

THEREFORE; The Council of Parkland County does hereby declare September 1 - 30, 2022 as Alberta Culture Days in Parkland County. Discover, experience, and celebrate our unique blend of peoples and passions, and the importance of culture to a healthy and vibrant Alberta.

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Suicide Prevention Week

September 4 - 10, 2022

WHEREAS; The issue of suicide affects families in all communities, including our community;

WHEREAS; The reported completed suicides in Alberta numbered more than 500 per year;

WHEREAS; Suicide is consistently a leading cause of death among Albertans;

WHEREAS; Our community is committed to raising awareness and preventing suicide as a great many are preventable;

THEREFORE; The Council of Parkland County does hereby declare the week of September 4 – 10th as “Suicide Prevention Week” in Parkland County.

National Grandparents Day

September 11, 2022

WHEREAS; We seek to strengthen the values of family, it is appropriate we recognize that grandparents have made, and continue to make, many contributions to enrich our province, towns, communities, and our daily lives;

WHEREAS; Grandparents are a vital part of our families, who give generously of their wisdom, experience, and love;

WHEREAS; We honour our grandparents for their skills, knowledge, experience, and leadership;

THEREFORE; The Council of Parkland County does hereby declare Sunday, September 11th, 2022, to be National Grandparents Day and I call upon everyone in our community to join in the celebration and recognize the valuable contributions of Grandparents.

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Responsible Pet Ownership Day

September 17, 2022

WHEREAS; The Canadian Kennel Club, the primary registry for purebred dogs in Canada and a national non-profit organization, promotes the benefits that pets bring to our society and is committed to the furthering of responsibility for the ownership of pets in Canada; and

WHEREAS; The Canadian Kennel Club initiative, National Responsible Pet Ownership Week, brings together likeminded organizations that provide support, advice, guidance, and education in the responsibilities of having a pet and therefore promoting safer communities throughout Canada;

THEREFORE; The Council of Parkland County does hereby declare Saturday, September 17, 2022, as "Responsible Pet Ownership Day", in support of responsible pet ownership and a safer community for all citizens.

Terry Fox Day

September 18, 2022

WHEREAS; statistically, nearly one in two Canadians are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, and one in four are expected to succumb to the disease;

WHEREAS; Terry Fox inspired the nation and the world through his courageous struggle with cancer and his determination to raise money and awareness for cancer research;

WHEREAS; in honour of Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope we continue to raise funds that directly support cancer research, with over \$750 million raised in his name;

WHEREAS; the annual Terry Fox Marathon of Hope Run gives Canadians an opportunity to celebrate Terry's legacy and to continue to raise money for cancer research;

THEREFORE; Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim September 18, 2022, as Terry Fox Day in Parkland County.

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International Right to Know Day

September 28, 2022

Celebrated in Canada since 2006, Right to Know Week raises awareness about people's right to access government information while promoting freedom of information as essential to both democracy and good governance.

WHEREAS; Parkland County is dedicated to the principles of open, transparent government and is accountable to the citizens it serves;

WHEREAS; Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act grants citizens the right of access to information in the custody and control of Parkland County;

WHEREAS; Access to information provides individuals with knowledge about their government and community; and gives them the opportunity to be active participants in the democratic process.

WHEREAS; Parkland County supports Right to Know Week as a way to raise awareness and promote access to information as an important part of public accountability and transparency,

THEREFORE; The Council of Parkland County does hereby declare September 28, 2022 as "International Right to Know Day" in Parkland County.