

# April 2025 Proclamations

## Pitch-In Canada Week April 22-28, 2025

**WHEREAS;** hundreds of thousands of Canadians show their concern for their environment and their communities each year by participating in PITCH-IN CANADA projects to: clean up and rejuvenate local neighborhoods, greenspaces, ravines, waterways and illegal dump sites; restore habitats; and to establish composting and recycling projects;

**WHEREAS;** PITCH-IN CANADA, a national organization comprised of eco-action and community volunteers, believes that maintaining a quality environment is everyone's responsibility;

**WHEREAS;** PITCH-IN CANADA encourages voluntary action to keep communities clean and beautiful; restore and maintain a healthy environment; and instigate civic pride;

**THEREFORE,** Parkland County Council declares the week of April 22-28, 2025 as PITCH-IN CANADA Week in Parkland County.

## Earth Day April 22, 2025

**WHEREAS;** the global community now faces extraordinary challenges such as environmental degradation, climate change, food and water shortages, and global health issues;

**WHEREAS;** all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment;

**WHEREAS;** it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create positive environmental change to combat the aforementioned global challenges;

**WHEREAS;** a sustainable environment can be achieved on the individual level through educational efforts, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns,

**WHEREAS;** it is necessary to broaden and diversify the environmental movement to achieve maximum success;

**WHEREAS;** the 2025 theme for Earth Day is “Our Power, Our Planet”;

**THEREFORE;** Parkland County Council hereby pledges this Earth Day, April 22, 2025, to support environmental initiatives in Parkland County and encourage others to take similar actions.

**National Volunteer Week  
April 27-May 3, 2025**

**WHEREAS;** the entire community can inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world;

**WHEREAS;** volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations;

**WHEREAS;** individuals and communities are at the center of social change, discovering their power to make a difference;

**WHEREAS;** during this week all over the nation, service projects will be performed, and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service;

**WHEREAS;** the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient;

**WHEREAS;** experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation’s social problems;

**WHEREAS;** our country’s volunteer force of over 63 million is a great treasure;

**WHEREAS;** volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation;

**THEREFORE;** Parkland County Council hereby proclaims April 27-May 3, 2025 as National Volunteer Week in Parkland County with the theme “Volunteers Make Waves.” Council urges fellow citizens to volunteer in their respective communities. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion.

**International Day of Mourning**  
**April 28, 2025**

**WHEREAS;** in 1991, the Canadian Government passed the “Workers Mourning Day Act” which is now observed in over 90 countries around the world;

**WHEREAS;** the annual International Day of Mourning recognizes workers who have been killed, injured or disabled on the job;

**WHEREAS;** the statistics concerning workplace fatalities are alarming;

**WHEREAS;** a special day will reinforce the importance of safe workplaces and provides Parkland County residents with an opportunity to remember individuals killed or seriously injured in workplace accidents;

**WHEREAS;** the International Day of Mourning provides us with the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the goal of making the workplace safer and help achieve the Workers’ Compensation Board – Alberta’s vision of Albertans working – a safe, healthy and strong Alberta;

**THEREFORE;** Parkland County Council hereby proclaims April 28, 2025, as “International Day of Mourning” in Parkland County and ask you to remember workers who have been killed, injured, or disabled at their place of work.