



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation Anti-Bullying Day (Pink Shirt Day)

February 22, 2023

WHEREAS; Anti-Bullying Day, also known as Pink Shirt Day, is an international initiative, started in Canada, to take a stand against all forms of bullying; and

WHEREAS; discrimination, harassment, exclusion, intimidation and other forms of bullying have a profound effect on an individual's feeling of safety and self-worth, and are unacceptable in a safe and caring society; and

WHEREAS; bullying is a learned behaviour and occurs in all age groups and social situations; not just in the schoolyard, but also in the workplace, at home, and on the internet; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove is committed to fostering a sense of belonging for all and integrating a Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging (DIEB) lens into decision making, planning and delivery of services; and

WHEREAS; all Citizens have a role to play in preventing bullying and speaking up against bullying; and

WHEREAS; Anti-bullying Day provides an opportunity to promote kindness, togetherness and inclusion by lifting each other up;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jeff Acker of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the 22nd day of February 2023 as "Anti-Bullying Day" in the City of Spruce Grove, and encourage citizens to wear pink and practice these principles today and every day.