



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S)

May 5, 2026

WHEREAS; May 5 is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) in Canada; and

WHEREAS; May 5 is also known as “Red Dress Day” since 2010, when Métis artist Jaime Black used red dresses to raise awareness about the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People, and red dresses continue to be worn and displayed to honor and commemorate this day; and

WHEREAS; today many Indigenous People continue to experience systemic and individual discrimination and Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit individuals experience highly disproportionate levels of life-threatening and gender-based violence, trauma, and exploitation and are 12 times more likely to be murdered or disappear; and

WHEREAS; Indigenous Nations and communities continue to experience the loss of loved ones and we stand in solidarity with the families here in Spruce Grove and across Canada who have missing, or murdered family members; and the City of Spruce Grove remains committed to meaningful engagement with Indigenous Nations and Peoples in the spirit of reconciliation;

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Acker, Mayor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2026 as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People in the City of Spruce Grove.