



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** Between 1869 and 1948 over 100,000 children from toddlers to the age of eighteen were emigrated from all areas of the United Kingdom to Canada. Their estimated average age is 12. The children were used as a source of indentured labourers on our farms and in our Canadian households. They are known today as the "British Home Children" (BHC).

**WHEREAS** the goal of Canada's British Home Child Day is to raise community awareness, to gain knowledge of this little-known era of Canadian history, and to honour these children by leaving on a porch light overnight, laying a flower on the grave of a BHC, or honouring them in some other respectful and dignified manner;

**WHEREAS** The awareness of this history recognizes and acknowledges the contributions made by these children and who left, as their legacy, over 4 million descendants who continue to contribute to the development of communities throughout Canada;

**WHEREAS** We especially honour those British Home Children and their descendants who made Red Deer and area their home.

## NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, do hereby proclaim that September 28th, 2025 be known as British Home Child Day in the City of Red Deer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of The City of Red Deer to be affixed.

Mayor Ken Johnston  
City of Red Deer

