



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Girl Guides have been an active part of Red Deer since 1917, when the first Guide Company was formed, and have a rich history in the City. Red Deer was notably visited by the founders of Guiding and Scouting, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, in 1923, 1946, and 1955. Lady Baden-Powell even spent 2 hours playing with Mickey the Beaver during her 1946 visit.

**WHEREAS:** Every Girl Guide is part of an international movement of 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across 150 countries through the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, known as WAGGGS.

**WHEREAS:** February 22 of every year marks World Thinking Day: a day of international friendship celebrated by Girl Guides and Scouts around the globe, since 1926. This date marks the shared birthday of the 2 founders of Guiding and Scouting, and therefore is an opportunity to speak out and champion issues affecting girls and young women around the world.

**WHEREAS:** The World Thinking Day theme for 2023 is “Our World, Our Peaceful Future” and focuses on building a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere, as well as the environment.

### NOW THEREFORE,

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, hereby recognize February 22, 2023 as World Thinking 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, Alberta, to be affixed.

  
Mayor Ken Johnston  
The City of Red Deer

