

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Whereas Nationwide community support has been critical throughout Arthritis Society

Canada's 76-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the

fire of arthritis with research, advocacy, innovation, information and support.

Whereas Arthritis is a serious disease that causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and

> diminishes quality of life. Six million people in Canada – I in 5 – live every day with the brutal realities of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on

this growing issue, the number of people in Canada with arthritis will rise to nine

million by 2040.

Whereas During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we will raise awareness,

> mobilize and engage communities to understand the devastating impact of arthritis, and stand with us to fight for an arthritis-free future. We recognize the work underway to develop a nationwide Arthritis Action Plan to take on the big issues

of arthritis, including prevention, equitable access to care and treatment, and

elevating the urgency of the disease.

Whereas Arthritis Society Canada is Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing

arthritis for good.

Therefore I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, hereby proclaim the month of

September as Arthritis Awareness Month 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 City of Red Deer

