



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** small businesses form the heart of the community, driving innovation, strengthening local identity, creating employment and fostering opportunities for growth and success; and
- WHEREAS** local entrepreneurs and small business owners contribute to the quality of life in our region by offering diverse products, services and employment opportunities; and
- WHEREAS** Small Business Week provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the dedication, creativity and perseverance of those who invest their talents and resources in building a stronger and more resilient regional economy; and
- WHEREAS** the prosperity of our region depends upon a thriving small business sector, supported through collaboration, advocacy and the ongoing commitment of residents, industry and community partners; and
- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo recognizes the vital contribution of small businesses and the importance of fostering an environment in which entrepreneurs and businesses can start, grow and thrive.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **October 18 to October 24, 2026**, as:

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Fort McMurray, Alberta, this **13th day of October 2026**.

Sandy Bowman
Mayor

