

# PROCLAMATION

## Family Violence Prevention Month November 2024

**WHEREAS**, Alberta has the third highest rate of self-reported intimate partner violence among Canadian provinces;

**AND WHEREAS**, approximately every two (2) days, a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner;

**AND WHEREAS**, the community benefits in creating awareness in resources on family violence;

**AND WHEREAS**, violence against women and children represents one of the most significant societal issues that endangers Canadians' health and well-being;

**AND WHEREAS**, the toll on children who witness violence in the home have twice the rate of psychiatric disorders as children from non-violent homes;

**AND WHEREAS**, domestic violence can carry over into the workplace, threatening women's ability to maintain economic independence;

**AND WHEREAS**, Indigenous women are approximately 3.5 times more likely to experience some form of spousal violence than nonindigenous women;

**AND WHEREAS**, the estimated total economic cost of spousal violence in Canada is estimated at \$7.4 billion;

**AND WHEREAS**, all community members in the Municipal District of Bonnyville have a role to play in preventing family violence;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Barry Kalinski, Reeve of the Municipal District of Bonnyville, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2024 to be

### **"Family Violence Prevention Month"**

in the Municipal District of Bonnyville. I call upon citizens to speak out against family violence. I call upon you to make a difference by creating a culture of support for those affected by Family Violence, and I call upon you to encourage all community members to help make our community violence-free in 2024 and beyond. You can speak up for those who are silenced.

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Barry Kalinski  
Reeve

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024