



PROCLAMATION

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS children are our most important resource and it is our responsibility to care for, nurture and protect them;

WHEREAS prenatal exposure to alcohol can cause birth defects, intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities, attention deficits and behavior disorders;

WHEREAS individuals in Camrose and surrounding areas with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) often have numerous social disorders such as disrupted school experience, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, mental health and substance abuse issues, unemployment, and criminal behavior;

WHEREAS FASD is the leading form of preventable disability and is a national health concern for individuals, families, communities and society-at-large;

WHEREAS in order to reduce the incidence of FASD, it is essential that communities provide women and their partners with support and information;

WHEREAS parents, professionals, individuals impacted by FASD, and other people will observe International FASD Awareness Day on September 9, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE: I, Mayor Norm Mayer, on behalf of Camrose City Council, do hereby proclaim, September 9, 2018 as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day" in the City of Camrose. I encourage everyone in our community to act with compassion and understanding towards those individuals who were prenatally exposed to alcohol and to support pregnant women, and those who may become pregnant, in having a healthy pregnancy.


Norm Mayer, Mayor