



CHESTERMERE

# Proclamation

## PRIDE MONTH

June 2026

**WHEREAS** June is recognized annually as Pride Month in Canada and around the world to commemorate the Stonewall Riots that began on June 28, 1969, in New York City; as well to celebrate the diversity, resilience, and contributions of Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and other sexually and gender diverse (2SLGBTQI+) individuals; and to increase understanding and awareness of the experiences of people who are 2SLGBTQI+; and

**WHEREAS** the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the *Alberta Human Rights Act* uphold equality for individuals regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS** despite these systemic changes to support equality for all and the ongoing resilience demonstrated by 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, they are at increased risk to experience discrimination, violence, mental health issues, poverty, and being unsheltered; and

**WHEREAS** as a city that values community connections and belonging, we must work together to support the 2SLGBTQI+ community and make real, tangible actions against oppression, hatred, discrimination, harassment, and violence; and

**WHEREAS** the recognition of pride is integral to fostering belonging, increasing public awareness of the 2SLGBTQI+ community and their contributions to our city;

**THEREFORE** I, Shannon Dean, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby proclaim June 2026, in the City of Chestermere as:

**“Pride Month”**

Mayor Shannon Dean

