



CHESTERMERE

Proclamation

DOLLY PARTON AND IMAGINATION LIBRARY DAY

September 25, 2026

WHEREAS the City of Chestermere recognizes and acknowledges that literacy is critical for our kids to unlock their full, outstanding potential and access to books at an early age is critical for the development of our children, their reading proficiency, and their future; and

WHEREAS Dolly Parton dedicated her life not only to music, but to the belief that every child deserves access to books, regardless of their family's circumstances; and

WHEREAS we recognize Dolly Parton as not only a singer, songwriter, and businesswoman, but also as a humanitarian and philanthropist as the founder of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in honor of her father, gifting a free book each month to children from birth to age five; and

WHEREAS the Imagination Library has grown to gift more than 300 million books to children across five countries, including thousands of children in our own community through the Imagination Library of Chestermere; and

THEREFORE I, Shannon Dean, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2026, in the City of Chestermere as:

“Dolly Parton and Imagination Library Day”

Mayor Shannon Dean

