

## **PROCLAMATION**

## NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK

February 19 - 25, 2024

WHEREAS: National Heritage Week is celebrated to recognize the importance and diversity of

Smoky Lake County's heritage and historical places; and

WHEREAS: Smoky Lake County celebrates a rich history that is manifested in its museum,

historic sites and cultural landscapes, and also traditional practices and intangible

cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS: these assets are a source of invaluable information about the history of our

community and country, and stories about them provide a vital legacy to guide and

nurture future generations; and

WHEREAS: stories about the past strengthen our community's unique identity and foster a sense

of place; and

WHEREAS: Smoky Lake County acknowledges that people from all walks of life and from every

community contribute to the rich cultural heritage of the County.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Reeve, Jered Serben, do hereby proclaim February 19 - 25, 2024 as 'National

Heritage Week' in Smoky Lake County and call upon citizens to join fellow Canadians to learn about local cultural, natural and intangible cultural heritage, and to share stories that celebrate Canada alongside the distinct local history and heritage found

here in our community.

Smoky Lake County Reeve