Proclamation

Sexual Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS   Sexual violence is a pervasive issue that impacts individuals of all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.; and,

WHEREAS   It is imperative to acknowledge the impact of sexual violence on survivors, families, and communities, and to stand in support and solidarity with those who have experienced trauma; and,

WHEREAS   Promoting awareness, prevention, and healing for survivors is an essential step in addressing the issue of sexual violence and fostering safer communities. No one person or agency can eliminate sexual violence on their own; the effort of the community as a whole to offer respect, consent, and ongoing support helps to encourage healing and break the cycle of trauma and violence; and,

WHEREAS   Together, the City of St. Albert and Saffron Centre call on our community members to join us in efforts to raise awareness about sexual violence and its impact on communities by participating in the following:
   - Raising awareness about sexual violence and the impact it has on all levels of society.
   - Supporting survivors of all types of sexual violence by offering compassion, non-judgement, and access to services for healing.
   - Staying educated on issues of consent, boundaries, healthy relationships, online safety, and bystander intervention.
   - Advocating for policies and practices that prevent sexualized violence from occurring and support survivors.
   - Fostering a culture of deep respect, empathy, and integrity where sexual violence is not tolerated at any level.

NOW THEREFORE   on behalf of Council and the citizens of St. Albert, I, Cathy Heron, Mayor of the City of St. Albert, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as Sexual Violence Awareness Month in St. Albert. Let us reaffirm our commitment to creating a community free from sexual violence where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Dated this 5th day of May 2025

Mayor, City of St. Albert
The Botanical Arts City