

# International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

## *Proclamation*

March 14, 2023

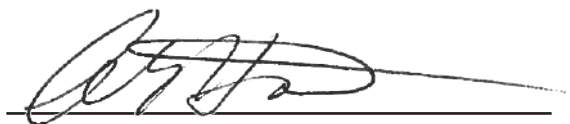
*Whereas*, The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination commemorates the day police in Sharpeville, South Africa, opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid “pass laws” in 1960; and

*Whereas*, this day is an opportunity to reflect on the fact that while progress has been made, Indigenous Peoples, racialized communities and religious minorities continue to face racism and discrimination every day; and

*Whereas*, all citizens are encouraged to celebrate the diversity of our community, recognizing how racism is embedded in our way of life, and to learn how we can all make changes to create a community that is inclusive and safe for all; and

*Whereas*, all persons have the right to realize his or her potential, regardless of race, colour, cultural, or ethnic origin, and live at all times in conditions of dignity, respect, and peace.

*Therefore*, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, March 21, 2023, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**, believing that each and every one of us can stand up against racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes to help fight racism.



*Alanna Hnatiw*  
Mayor, Sturgeon County