

# Pink Shirt Day

February 28, 2024

## *Proclamation*

**Whereas**, Canada's national Pink Shirt Day is observed annually on the last Wednesday of February to promote kindness and inclusion and raise awareness about bullying prevention; and

**Whereas**, Sturgeon County acknowledges that bullying in its various forms, such as discrimination, harassment, exclusion, and intimidation, affects an individual's sense of safety and self-worth, and is unacceptable in a caring society; and

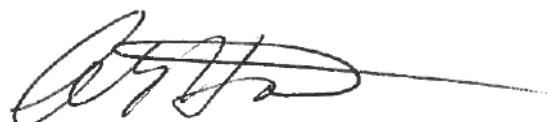
**Whereas**, Sturgeon County is committed to fostering community safety and wellbeing for all residents. We strive to end bullying through the promotion of anti-bullying campaigns and by collectively coming together to denounce bullying behaviours; and

**Whereas**, Sturgeon County, through its Human Resources department, has directives and reporting systems in place that foster a respectful workplace for all employees with zero tolerance for bullying, harassment, and violence in all its forms; and

**Whereas**, Sturgeon County, through its Family and Community Support Services department, is developing programming that explores anti-bullying strategies for community builders and encourages youth to recognize and respond to bullying behaviour.

**Therefore**, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2024, as Pink Shirt Day in Sturgeon County.

By recognizing Pink Shirt Day, we affirm our commitment to building a safe, inclusive and welcoming community, which is integral to the strength and vitality of our municipality. I urge all residents to wear something pink to symbolize that we, as a community, are taking a stand against bullying.



**Alanna Hnatiw**  
**Mayor, Sturgeon County**