

Red Dress Day

May 5, 2024

Proclamation

April 23, 2024

Whereas, Each year in Canada, May 5th honours Red Dress Day, a day inspired by Jamie Black, a Métis woman, who used empty red dresses to evoke the image of missing and murdered women, girls, and two-spirit individuals;

Whereas, Sturgeon County recognizes the significant and tireless efforts of Indigenous leaders, communities, and organizations to bring attention to and address this cause;

Whereas, Sturgeon County remains committed to identifying and addressing municipal responsibilities within the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 2015 Calls to Action Report and to actively explore Calls to Action in collaboration with our local Indigenous neighbours;

Whereas, Sturgeon County understands the importance of community engagement to provide understanding of Red Dress Day and the issues faced by Indigenous communities;

Whereas, Sturgeon County stands in solidarity with Indigenous peoples and all other people in Canada calling for change, by promoting awareness about the disproportionate violence faced by Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit individuals.

Therefore, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, do hereby proclaim **May 5, 2024, as Red Dress Day** in Sturgeon County as an expression of our commitment to awareness and change, and to honour the lives of those who have been affected.



Alanna Hnatiw
Mayor, Sturgeon County