



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION "FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH"

November 2021

Alberta has the third highest rate of self-reported spousal violence among Canadian provinces, yet family violence is preventable. November is Family Violence Prevention Month (FVPM) in Alberta. It is a time to increase awareness of the warning signs of family violence and the resources and supports available so we can work together to end family violence and build healthier relationships in our communities.

WHEREAS, everyone has a role in preventing family violence.

AND WHEREAS, annually, the government of Alberta invests nearly \$70 million on crisis services.

AND WHEREAS, when COVID-19 first hit, calls to police and support hotlines went down but have since increased by a 57 per cent spike in rates of domestic violence.

AND WHEREAS, declaring November 2021 to be Family Violence Prevention Month will encourage Olds and area residents to recognize this issue and learn what resources are available to support those affected by family violence.

THEREFORE, we, the Elected Officials of the Town of Olds, do hereby proclaim November 2021 as "**FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH**" in the Town of Olds.

Signed this 8th day of November 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Dahl". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Her Worship,
Mayor Judy Dahl