



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### PROCLAMATION

### “Black History Month” February 2021

- WHEREAS:** The month of February each year is recognized as **Black History Month**; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1995 the Government of Canada officially recognized the importance of Black History Month and the Government of Alberta officially recognized this month in 2017; and
- WHEREAS:** During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Black Canadians, African Canadians and Canadians of African descent to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and
- WHEREAS:** Black History Month in Canada is essential since it educates Canadians to the fact that slavery once existed in Canada; that many of the British Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution were Black; and that Black History is Canadian History; and
- WHEREAS:** Black History Month is a call to all residents to reflect on the cultural, scientific, political, and economic contributions of Black people to the development of Canada and the world. While the observance of Black History Month calls our Nation’s attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to our democratic ideals, celebrations and recognition of Black History Month are especially significant as we reflect back on the difficult conversations from last year that once again asked us to do our part to uproot systemic racism; and
- WHEREAS:** During Black History Month, all citizens are encouraged to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all;
- THEREFORE:** Olds Town Council, Olds Alberta, do hereby proclaim **February 2021 as “Black History Month”**, in the Town of Olds.

Signed the Ninth day of February, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Muzychka", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Muzychka  
Town of Olds