



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### PROCLAMATION

## “Black History Month” February 2022

- 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 *Black History 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 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 part of 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 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 on doing 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 2022 as “Black History Month”**, in the Town of Olds.

Signed the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue 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