

PROCLAMATION "Thank A Farmer Day" May 14, 2022

WHEREAS, the 14th of May is recognized as Thank A Farmer Day; and

WHEREAS, Alberta and all Canadian farmers and ranchers provide food that satisfies the tastes and preferences of today's consumers; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture and agri-food sector is a major contributor to the Canadian economy. Not only do Canadians depend on farmers to produce the food we eat, but agriculture and agri-food provide jobs for more than 2.37 million people. One in eight Canadian jobs is directly linked to the sector, which contributed \$179.1 Billion to our national economy in 2020, and is thus a major driver of economic growth.

WHEREAS Canada's farmers and ranchers not only provide the food we eat but also help sustain rural communities, preserve open space and wildlife habitat and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS farming and ranching play a vital role in the economy of the country and each county in the province; and

WHEREAS farmers are professionals in their career of providing food and fiber and work behind the scenes to provide a food supply that is healthy, abundant, affordable and among the world's safest; then

NOW THEREFORE, Olds Town Council, Olds, Alberta, do hereby proclaim **the 14th Day of May as "Thank A Farmer Day"** in the Town of Olds, Alberta and call upon all citizens to recognize the hard work and dedication of farmers in and around the Town of Olds.

Signed the 26 day of April, 2022.

Her Worship,

Mayor Judy Dahl