



## PROCLAMATION "Year of the Garden 2022 "

A celebration acknowledging the contribution gardens and gardening contribute to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health quality of life and environmental challenges.

**WHEREAS**, Communities in Bloom and "Fleurons du Québec" in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invite all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden 2022; and

**AND WHEREAS**, the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector.

**AND WHEREAS** Olds is home to Olds College, Canada's Smart Agriculture College, specializing in agriculture, horticulture, land, and environmental stewardship, showcasing the Olds College Botanic Gardens.

**AND WHEREAS** gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality, our climate action goals and create safe and healthy places where people can come together in the spirit of inclusivity and reconciliation.

**AND WHEREAS** gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic being outdoors, engaged, and active.

**AND WHEREAS** the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and experience of our municipality.

**THEREFORE**, we, the Elected Officials of the Town of Olds, do hereby proclaim 2022 as "**Year of the Garden**" in the Town of Olds.

Signed this 25 day of May 2022

  
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Her Worship,  
Mayor Judy Dahl