

## PROCLAMATION

Freedom to Read Week February 23 - 29, 2020

**WHEREAS** *Freedom to Read Week* is an initiative to promote literacy, tolerance, knowledge and a love of reading among all Canadians;

**AND WHEREAS** the right to pursue the truth through free inquiry is essential to democratic decision making;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read print on paper or on-line, is the essence of free inquiry;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read can never be taken for granted;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read is under assault from the left and right of our society;

**NOW THEREFORE** Rocky View County hereby proclaims the week of February 23 - 29, 2020 as Freedom to Read Week and recognizes, reaffirms, and defends the right of the citizens of Rocky View County individually to decide what they will or will not read; and

Calls on all residents to actively work to achieve these objectives, and in so doing ensure that Rocky View County continues to be a Freedom to Read zone in which the freedom to read and the rights to seek information will not be violated.

On this 19th day of February, 2020

Greg Boehlke, Reeve

