

PROCLAMATION – PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS pregnancy loss, infant loss, and child loss affect thousands of families each year, leaving lasting impacts on parents, siblings, grandparents, and communities; and

WHEREAS many families experience grief in silence and may face their loss without adequate awareness, understanding, or support from those around them; and

WHEREAS Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative founded in memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel, supports families who have experienced pregnancy loss, infant loss, and child loss through memory boxes, remembrance projects, advocacy, awareness, and community support; and

WHEREAS this proclamation honours the memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel and all babies and children gone too soon while recognizing the importance of supporting bereaved families in our communities; and

WHEREAS Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the lives of babies and children gone too soon, honour their memories, and recognize the strength and resilience of grieving families; and

WHEREAS increasing awareness helps reduce stigma, encourages compassionate support, and reminds bereaved families that they are not alone in their grief journey, while communities across Canada and around the world observe October 15 in remembrance of babies and children who are deeply loved and forever remembered;

NOW THEREFORE, the Reeve and Council of the MD #133 of Spirit River do hereby proclaim October 15, 2026, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the MD #133 of Spirit River and encourage all residents to recognize, remember, and support families who have experienced the loss of a baby or child.