



# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

### April 19 - 25, 2026

- WHEREAS: 24 million Canadians donate their time, talents, and energy every year, contributing to nearly five billion volunteer hours annually; and
- WHEREAS: the volunteers in Smoky Lake County are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS: volunteering one's time and talent has been an integral part of our history and it is essential that we continue this tradition of giving and sharing to preserve and improve the quality of life for all community members; and
- WHEREAS: Smoky Lake County benefits from the work done by volunteers, who are at the heart of our society and make an enormous contribution to the social, cultural, and economic prosperity of our County; and
- WHEREAS: collectively the work done by our County's volunteers results in making Smoky Lake County a more desirable place to live, work and play; and
- WHEREAS: National Volunteer Week is a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions and commitment of the volunteers in Smoky Lake County on behalf of the countless organizations which rely on them;
- NOW THEREFORE: I, Reeve, Craig Lukinuk, do hereby proclaim April 19 – 25, 2026, as National Volunteer Week in Smoky Lake County, and encourage citizens to find a way to share their time, talents, or knowledge through volunteerism to help make our community even stronger.