



PROCLAMATION

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN HERITAGE DAY

September 7, 2026

- WHEREAS: Ukrainian Canadians have been a part of the Canadian cultural mosaic since 1891. They have made a profound mark on the development of Canada through their contributions to arts and culture, politics, education, and sports; and
- WHEREAS: Alberta was the province where Ukrainians first settled in Canada and founded many of Alberta's earliest religious and cultural institutions; and
- WHEREAS: Ukrainian-Albertans have contributed immensely to the Province of Alberta, initially through agriculture, forestry, railways and mining and subsequently to Alberta's government, civil society, industry, economic advancement and prosperity; and
- WHEREAS: Ukrainian-Albertans have assisted in the creation and the promotion of multiculturalism in Canada and in Alberta;
- WHEREAS: the early cultural, economic, political and educational contributions for which Ukrainian-Albertans should be recognized specifically include: bringing their wheat grains with them from Ukraine and developing the "Red Fife Wheat" that is grown throughout Alberta, contributing to Alberta's rich cultural heritage through the arts, including choral and instrumental music, folkloric and performing dance, fine art, fibre art, literature, architecture, libraries, museums and archival collections and cuisine, and helping to build our roads, railways and infrastructure in Alberta's national parks;
- NOW THEREFORE: I, Reeve, Craig Lukinuk of Smoky Lake County, hereby proclaim September 7, 2026 to be Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day in Smoky Lake County.