

PROCLAMATION

Neurodiversity Week – (March 17th – 23rd)

WHEREAS neurodiversity celebrates the natural variations in human brains and recognizes neurological differences such as Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, Autism, ADHD, Tourette Syndrome, and others;

AND WHEREAS approximately 15-20% of the population is neurodivergent, each with a unique combination of strengths and challenges, and these differences contribute to the creativity, innovation, and vibrancy of our community;

AND WHEREAS the term "neurodiversity" encourages a shift away from viewing individuals as having deficits or disorders and toward appreciating their unique contributions and perspectives;

AND WHEREAS many challenges faced by neurodivergent individuals stem from systems and environments not designed to accommodate their needs, making it essential to create inclusive spaces and person-centered approaches;

AND WHEREAS, by recognizing and valuing neurodivergent individuals' strengths, talents, and contributions, we build a more inclusive, equitable, and understanding community for all;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Sylvan Lake supports efforts to foster acceptance, reduce stigma, and promote inclusion of neurodivergent individuals in schools, workplaces, and community spaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Megan Hanson, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby proclaim the week of March 17th – 23rd, 2025, as Neurodiversity Week in the Town of Sylvan Lake and encourage all residents to learn more about neurodiversity, celebrate the contributions of neurodivergent individuals, and work together to build an inclusive community where everyone can thrive.



DONE at the Town of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, this 27th day of January, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mayor Hanson", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor