



# CHESTERMERE

From the Office of the Mayor

## Proclamation

### March 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 International Women's Week

Chestermere welcomes all community members to share in this event, celebrating the achievements of women. Together, we celebrate women all around the globe.

- WHEREAS:** International Women's Day (IWD) has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Prior to this the Socialist Party of America, United Kingdom's Suffragists and Suffragettes, and further groups campaigned for women's equality. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere and
- WHEREAS:** International Women's Day (**March 8<sup>th</sup>**) is a time to uphold women's achievements, recognize challenges, focus greater attention on women's rights and gender equity, encourage and mobilize all people to do their part to bring about positive change; and
- WHEREAS:** International Women's Day/Week is a time to envision a world where each woman and girl can exercise her choices, such as participating in politics, getting an education, having an income, and living in societies free from violence and discrimination.
- WHEREAS:** The City of Chestermere is an inclusive community which celebrates and welcomes diversity and inclusion, and
- WHEREAS:** Celebrating International Women's Day/ Week in Chestermere will strengthen our community and bring us closer together, fostering new relationships, understandings and a new and equal level of appreciation for each other.
- WHEREAS:** We, are proud to be the reflection of our community in our efforts to uphold this year's theme of **Choose to Challenge**; and participating in the call to action to challenge the injustices faced by women in our community and around the globe
- NOW THEREFORE,** I, Marshall Chalmers, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby proclaim the week of **March 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2021** as **International Women's Week** in the City of Chestermere.

Dated this 5 day of March, 2021

Mayor Marshall Chalmers

