



CHESTERMERE

From the Office of the Mayor

Proclamation Black History Month February 2020

During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today, and

WHEREAS: Black History month was first recognized in Ontario in 1995 and celebrated nationally in 1996, following a notion passed by the honorable Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament, and

WHEREAS: The **2020 theme** for **Black History Month** is: "**Canadians** of African Descent: Going forward, guided by the past." Inspired by the theme of the United Nations' International Decade for people of African descent (2015-2024) and

WHEREAS: the City of Chestermere continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens past, present, and future are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, and

WHEREAS: the City of Chestermere is committed to the fight against racism and discrimination of individuals of colour

NOW THEREFORE, I, Marshall Chalmers, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby proclaim the month of **February 2020** as **Black History Month** in Chestermere.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2020

Mayor Marshall Chalmers

