

## Birth of a Nation Day April 9, 2024

**WHEREAS** we are a nation devoted to freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. On the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, we are reminded of where this proud tradition was forged. It was on a treacherous, sodden battlefield in the north of France that a young Canada came of age as a nation.

**WHEREAS** we must cherish and honour the people and families that have paid the ultimate price. Their stories are of great sacrifice and great achievement. They remind us of who we are, where we are from, and of the great debt we continue to owe.

**WHEREAS** it is the most unselfish act we can ever know, and these soldiers remain a source of pride and inspiration today.

**WHEREAS** Birth of a Nation Day is a day to recognize one of the greatest moments in history and to show our appreciation to those that sacrificed so much for us.

**WHEREAS** the Town of Okotoks has proclaimed April 9 as Birth of a Nation Day in Okotoks on annual basis.

**THEREFORE** Members of the Okotoks Town Council, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2024 as Birth of a Nation Day in the Town of Okotoks.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

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