



**MONTH OF THE ARTIST
SEPTEMBER 2024**

WHEREAS the Province of Alberta has declared September 1 to 30 each year as Alberta Culture Days, encouraging communities to discover, experience and celebrate arts and culture; and

WHEREAS on December 3, 2019 the Government of Alberta and the Right Honourable Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchel proclaimed the month of September as Month of the Artist in Alberta; and

WHEREAS the Town of Okotoks knows the critical role of artists to the social, economic, and cultural foundation of community; and

WHEREAS Indigenous artists are essential to telling the story of the artistic and cultural panorama of the Town of Okotoks; and

WHEREAS the Town of Okotoks values the range of artistic work from all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS artists with disabilities provide unique viewpoints and skills and their products and stories are fundamental to our community's wellbeing; and

WHEREAS the Town of Okotoks operates Culture & Heritage Services and provides opportunities to showcase the artistic talent of Okotokians, Albertans, and Canadians; and

WHEREAS the Proclamation of the Month of the Artist gives Okotokians the chance to celebrate artists in our community; and

WHEREAS the Proclamation of the Month of the Artist increases recognition of the need for artists to be equitably compensated for the creation and use of their artistic works.

THEREFORE Members of Okotoks Town Council do hereby proclaim September 2024 as the Month of the Artist in the Town of Okotoks.

Dated this 19th day of August 2024.

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Tanya Thorn
Mayor