



## MONTH OF THE ARTIST SEPTEMBER 2023

**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 2023 as the Month of the Artist in the Town of Okotoks.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023.

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Tanya Thorn  
Mayor