

PROCLAMATION

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD) AWARENESS DAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term used to describe the impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Individuals with FASD experience some degree of challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills to reach their full potential. Each person with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges;

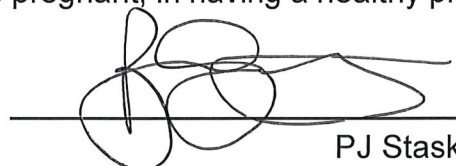
AND WHEREAS, Raising public awareness about the risks of prenatal alcohol exposure is essential in preventing alcohol use during pregnancy and promoting the health and well-being of pregnant people, families, and future generations;

AND WHEREAS, Individuals with FASD can thrive, contribute meaningfully to their communities, and lead fulfilling lives when provided with the appropriate accommodations and supports;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Camrose recognizes the lifelong effects of FASD and is committed to supporting FASD awareness, healthy pregnancies, improving access to early diagnosis and assessment of FASD, and intervention and support for children, youth, and adults with FASD and their families;

AND WHEREAS, International FASD Awareness Day is observed globally on September 9, 2026, and FASD Awareness Month is observed throughout September 2026 as a reminder of the importance of alcohol-free pregnancies throughout the nine months of gestation, and to encourage compassion, inclusion, and support for those impacted by FASD.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mayor PJ Stasko, on behalf of Camrose City Council, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2026 as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day" in the City of Camrose. I encourage everyone in our community to celebrate the successes and contributions of individuals who were prenatally exposed to alcohol and to support pregnant persons, and those who may become pregnant, in having a healthy pregnancy.



PJ Stasko, Mayor