

September 9, 2024

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER AS REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST (RVT) MONTH

WHEREAS, the Alberta Veterinary Technologist Association (ABVTA) recognizes the invaluable contributions of registered veterinary technologists (RVTs) to the province of Alberta, its residents, animals, and the integrity of the food chain; and

WHEREAS, RVT Month is an annual celebration held throughout October to honor the pivotal role that RVTs play in advancing the field of veterinary medicine and ensuring the health, well-being, and safety of animals; and

WHEREAS, the expertise and dedication of RVTs play a vital role in One Health by contributing to the overall health of Alberta's animals, protecting the food chain, and safeguarding the welfare of its residents. RVTs are highly trained and educated professionals that provide veterinary care in areas such as emergency and critical care, preventative health, and end of life care. They actively contribute to companion and large animal health by performing activities such as, but not limited to, physical examinations, administering vaccinations, surgical assistance, diagnostics, obstetrics and neonatal care, anesthesia and pain control; and

WHEREAS, RVTs help minimize the risk of disease transmission within livestock populations to ensure food is safe for human consumption. Their expertise in animal health and specialized knowledge in livestock health and animal diseases enables them to provide integral services such as contributing to development of herd health plans, provide after-hours triage and teletriage, perform artificial insemination and pregnancy detection, and develop biosecurity protocols; and

WHEREAS, RVTs are regulated and have guidelines and standards in place to ensure the public has access to safe, competent and ethical veterinary care from professionals. They collaborate with their veterinary teams and provide effective communication to ensure the delivery of comprehensive veterinary care is provided to animals through compassion, empathy, and respect for both animals and their owners

WHEREAS, the Alberta Veterinary Technologist Association (ABVTA) is a national leader in the veterinary profession and plays a significant role in advocating for, supporting, and empowering RVTs in Alberta, through advocacy and representation, professional development, educational advancement, member support, and networking and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Beaverlodge recognizes the importance of honoring and celebrating the contributions that RVTs make to our city and across our province.

THEREFORE, I, Gary Rycroft, Mayor of Beaverlodge, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST (RVT) MONTH in Beaverlodge.