

# PROCLAMATION

## World Suicide Prevention Day

### September 10, 2025

WHEREAS; Many loved ones in our community have been lost to suicide - many through feelings of depression; hopelessness and helplessness; and

WHEREAS; Many people have been affected by the tragedy of suicide and struggle to reconcile themselves to this type of loss for years; and

WHEREAS; Suicide is the second leading cause of death amongst our youth; our first nations people have increasingly higher rates on a yearly basis; Indigenous, LGBTQ+ and at-risk youth are at least 4 times more likely to attempt suicide; our seniors and military personnel too often struggle alone; and according to the Mental Health Commission of Canada, nearly 4,000 Canadians die yearly by suicide; and

WHEREAS; Awareness and education; compassion and understanding are fundamental in the prevention of suicide;

THEREFORE; I, Mayor Simon Boersma, do hereby declare the month of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as **World Suicide Prevention Day**, in the Town of Morinville.



Mayor Simon Boersma

