

ALBERTA RURAL HEALTH WEEK

May 26-30, 2025

Whereas, rural health providers are powerful assets in their communities. Not only do their health-care skills and practices enhance their community's quality of life, but these professionals also contribute to rural life on a more personal level. They have special relationships with their patients and community as family, friends, neighbours, volunteers, teachers, and mentors.; and,

Whereas, community volunteers, led by local health professional attraction and retention committees, are the heart and soul of their communities. These local volunteers go above and beyond to support health care and health-care providers in their communities, developing innovative and collaborative approaches to successfully attract and retain health-care providers, and help keep health care close to home.; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, that I, Amy Cherniwchan, Mayor of the Town of Smoky Lake, Alberta, do hereby designate the week May 26-30, 2025 as Alberta Rural Health Week. I urge all community residents to show appreciation for the contributions of the rural health professionals and community volunteers whose abilities and efforts enhance the quality of life in rural Alberta.

<u>Original Signed</u> Amy Cherniwchan Mayor