May 6 - May 10, 2024

**Whereas,** communities rely on economic development professionals to promote economic well-being and quality of life; for communities like Smoky Lake that means coordinating activities that create, retain, and expand jobs in order to facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

**Whereas,** economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurism in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of Alberta's economy; and

**Whereas,** economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

**Whereas,** economic development professionals serve as stewards, bridging connections between community stakeholders such as residents, business leaders, elected officials, industry executives, and educational administrations, to collaborate in promoting job creation, community investment, infrastructure advancements, and an optimistic future; and

Whereas, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

Whereas, economic developers work in the Town of Smoky Lake within the Province of Alberta.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Amy Cherniwchan, Mayor of the Town of Smoky Lake, do hereby designate the week of May 6 through May 10, 2024 as Economic Development Week, and reminds individuals of the importance of this community celebration which supports expanding business opportunities and making lives better.

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Amy Cherniwchan Mayor	