

PROCLAMATION

Pink Shirt Day

February 28, 2024

WHEREAS: In 2007, two 12th grade gentlemen in Cambridge, Nova Scotia decided to take a stand against the bullying of a ninth grader for wearing a pink polo to school. By providing most students a pink shirt to wear in support of their peer, they unintentionally created a globally recognized "*Pink Shirt Day*" to encourage anti-bullying; and

WHEREAS: One out of four kids will be bullied during their adolescence. Most of the time it continues after the first incident; statistics show that 71 percent of students that are bullied, continue to be bullied, making it a problem with no end; and

WHEREAS: Bullying can affect anyone, in any environment including schools, workplaces, online, social and community spaces; and

WHEREAS: The Government (in partnership with school boards, parents, educators, and other community groups), provide information, training, and resources to help schools, workplaces, and communities enhance awareness; and

WHEREAS: It is important that we encourage everyone throughout our Town to be caring and respectful to one another, and to choose kindness so that all people can live in a safe environment.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Simon Boersma, do hereby declare February 28, 2024, as **Pink Shirt Day**, in the Town of Morinville.



Mayor Simon Boersma

