



**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK  
April 24 – 30, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, contributing close to 5 billion volunteer hours per year and,

**WHEREAS** volunteers in the *Village of Innisfree* mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

**WHEREAS** volunteers in the *Village of Innisfree* have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

**WHEREAS** the *Village of Innisfree's* volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS** the collective result of the work done by our community's volunteers is that the *Village of Innisfree* is a more desirable place to live; and

**WHEREAS** volunteers provide hours and hours of time to help the various organizations; volunteers help keep our community vibrant and healthy, maintain our local history; help keep our Seniors healthy and active through social opportunities; encourage participation in the maintenance of our environment; provide respect to and maintenance of the resting places of our ancestors; honour and show respect to our local agricultural community; encourage participation in exercise and provide fundraising opportunities; help keep our community and our youth safe and active within the community; educate and provide life skills to the youth within the community; and overall, provide valuable resources to our community;

**WHEREAS** organizations in the *Village of Innisfree* that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations and local celebrations including: Innisfree Seniors Club, Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Historical Society/Museum, Innisfree Fish & Game Association, Innisfree Cemetery Committee, Innisfree Rec Hall Board, Innisfree & District Agricultural Society, Innisfree Curling Club, Innisfree Fire Department, Innisfree Delnorte School Parent Advisory Committee, Innisfree Delnorte School, Innisfree Minburn 4H Club, Village of Innisfree Library Board, Friends of the Village of Innisfree Library, The Quilting Queens, Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers and such local celebrations as the Annual Innisfree Agricultural Fair in August and Canada Day Celebrations on July 1<sup>st</sup>;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jennifer Johnson, Mayor of the *Village of Innisfree* do hereby proclaim April 24-30, 2022, as **National Volunteer Week**, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

  
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Mayor J. Johnson