



# TOWN OF FORT SMITH

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PASSED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – MAY 21, 2019

## **VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME WEEK PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, when a crime occurs, it doesn't affect just one person, but their family members and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, victims and survivors of crime and their families deserve support from their community; and

WHEREAS, many victim service providers, police officers, and professionals working in the criminal justice system provide assistance to victims and survivors of crime and their families; and

WHEREAS, victims and survivors of crime need to know that they have a voice in our criminal justice system and that there are laws in place to help them; and

WHEREAS, Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, May 26 to June 1, 2019 offers an opportunity to raise awareness about victim issues, and about the services and laws in place to help victims, survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Victims and Survivors of Crime Week - the Power of Collaboration - will help to promote greater understanding of victim issues; and

WHEREAS, an increased awareness of issues faced by victims and survivors of crime will encourage citizens to discuss the impact of crime; and

WHEREAS, public demonstrations of support for victims and survivors of crime help to build a community's capacity for compassion to assist them and their families and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, addressing victim and survivor issues requires the support and dedication of the whole community; and

WHEREAS, the support of the Town of Fort Smith will encourage a greater number of citizens to participate in Victims and Survivors of Crime Week;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Lynn Napier-Buckley, Mayor of the Town of Fort Smith, do hereby proclaim May 26 to June 1, 2019 as Victims and Survivors of Crime Week in the Town of Fort Smith; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT during Victims and Survivors of Crime Week and throughout the year, the Town of Fort Smith will recognize victims and survivors of crime and those who assist them and be it further; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Fort Smith will remain committed to addressing and advancing the issues faced by victims and survivors of crime.