



# PROCLAMATION

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## TOWN OF VERMILION YEAR OF THE CO-OPERATIVE OCTOBER 12—18

**WHEREAS,** co-operatives are community-focused businesses that balance people, planet, and profit, and they empower individuals through democratic control and shared ownership; and

**WHEREAS,** the co-operative model plays a vital role in supporting local economies, promoting social inclusion, and building resilient communities in Vermilion and across the country; and

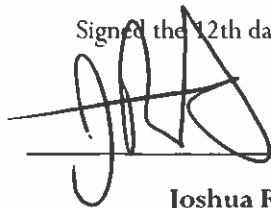
**WHEREAS,** co-operatives in sectors such as agriculture, retail, finance, housing, health care, and energy provide essential services, sustainable jobs, and reinvest in the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** 2025 has been designated as the Year of the Co-operative by the United Nations general assembly, offering a timely opportunity to recognize the contributions of co-operative enterprises and to raise public awareness about the co-operative difference; and

**WHEREAS,** co-operatives align with many of the values we cherish in our town, including mutual support, community ownership, and long-term stewardship;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Joshua Rayment, Deputy Mayor of the Town of Vermilion, do hereby proclaim the week of October 12-18 as “Co-op Week” in this the year 2025 as “International Year of the Co-operative” in the Town of Vermilion, and encourage all residents to learn more about co-operatives, support local co-operative businesses, and celebrate the unique role they play in strengthening our community.

Signed the 12th day of August, 2025



Joshua Rayment  
Deputy Mayor of the Town of Vermilion