



Dauphin

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** harm reduction is an evidence-based, compassionate approach that seeks to reduce the negative consequences associated with substance use, promote public health, and uphold the dignity of all individuals;

**AND WHEREAS** harm reduction strategies, including access to safe consumption spaces, naloxone distribution, overdose prevention education, and support services, save lives and contribute to healthier communities;

**AND WHEREAS** people who use substances deserve respect, care, and access to health and social services without stigma, judgement, or discrimination;

**AND WHEREAS** harm reduction initiatives support individuals, families, and communities by reducing the risks of overdose, bloodborne infections, and other health challenges while also fostering pathways to recovery and well-being;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have a role in promoting harm reduction efforts by working collaboratively with public health agencies, community organizations, and first responders to create safer, more inclusive communities;

**AND WHEREAS** International Harm Reduction Day is recognized worldwide as a time to raise awareness, challenge misconceptions, and advocate for policies that prioritize harm reduction and public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF DAUPHIN  
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

**MAY 7, 2026**

AS

**"INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION DAY"**

and encourage all residents to learn more about harm reduction, support local harm reduction initiatives, and work towards a community that prioritizes health, safety, and compassion for all.

Dated at the City of Dauphin, in the Province of Manitoba,  
this 27th day of April 2026.

David Bosiak  
Mayor