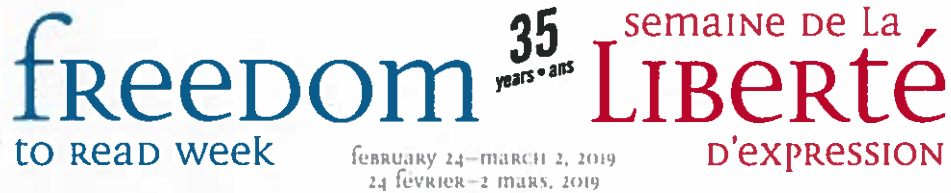


FREEDOM TO READ

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS *Freedom to Read Week* is an initiative to promote literacy, tolerance, knowledge, and a love of reading among all Canadians;

AND WHEREAS the right to pursue the truth through free inquiry is essential to democratic decision making;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read print on paper or on-line, is the essence of free inquiry;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read can never be taken for granted;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read is under assault from the left and right of our society;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

the Council of Village of Empress endorses the objectives of *Freedom to Read Week*, and recognizes, reaffirms, and defends the rights of the citizens of Empress individually to decide what they will or will not read; and

calls on all residents to actively work to achieve these objectives, and in so doing ensure Empress continues to be a Freedom to Read zone in which the freedom to read and the right to seek information will not be violated.

NOW, THEREFORE I, SANDRA COOPER

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of February 24 – March 2, 2019 as

FREEDOM TO READ WEEK

in the Village of Empress