

Proclamation

National Indigenous People Day

WHEREAS

in June 1996, the Governor General of Canada announced June 21 as National Aboriginal Day, thus marking the first national day of Indigenous acknowledgement and recognition; and,

WHEREAS

in 2017, the Prime Minister of Canada announced changing the name to National Indigenous Peoples Day, to align with the international recognition of Indigenous peoples and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and,

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June 21 is typically the summer solstice and the longest day of the year, which has significance for Indigenous peoples and has been commemorated for generations; and,

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National Indigenous Peoples Day, is a day to acknowledge the invaluable heritage, achievements and diverse cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada (collectively referred to as Indigenous peoples); and,

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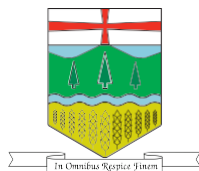
celebrations include ceremonies that highlight and honour diverse cultural performances, activities, arts and crafts, and events that recognize national contributions of Indigenous peoples; and,

WHEREAS

we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis Nation and recognize the inherent Aboriginal rights of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples within Alberta, as identified in Section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982.

NOW THEREFORE

on behalf of City Council, I, Cathy Heron, Mayor of the City of St. Albert, do hereby proclaim June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of St. Albert. I encourage all residents to learn more about Indigenous culture and history. It is our collective responsibility as treaty people to move beyond mere words to achieve true change through our actions and move towards reconciliation within our community.



Dated this 21st day of June, 2025

Cathy Heron
Mayor, City of St. Albert
The Botanical Arts City

