



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation National Indigenous History Month

June 2023

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove acknowledges that it is on Treaty 6 Territory and the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4, on sacred land that holds the hearts, footsteps and spirits of many First Nation, and Inuit Peoples, and in particular, Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Michel First Nation, Alexander First Nation, and the Lac Ste. Anne Métis; and

WHEREAS; In 2009, the Government of Canada officially declared June as National Indigenous History Month and is working to advance truth and reconciliation by building harmonious partnerships based on the recognition of rights, respect, truth, cooperation, humility, and friendship with First Peoples, including First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and in all communities across Canada, traditionally known as Turtle Island; and

WHEREAS; National Indigenous History Month takes place during June to commemorate the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples in Canada; and

WHEREAS; June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a day to reflect on and celebrate the unique cultures, traditions, language, and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples; and a day which is culturally significant for many Indigenous Peoples because it is the summer solstice and the longest day of the year; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove honours the memories of the missing children, the families left behind, and the survivors of residential schools; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove recognizes and celebrates the significant and ongoing contributions of Indigenous Canadians in all aspects of daily life, including shaping identity, culture, advocacy, business, art, justice, sports and politics; and

WHEREAS; First peoples, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit history, culture, and contributions deserve to be recognized and honoured, as does the strength and resiliency of Indigenous communities in maintaining language and culture despite the ongoing impacts of colonialism; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove strives to be an inclusive community and encourages everyone to reflect and learn about the diverse experiences, knowledge, and sacrifices that Indigenous Peoples have made in Canada and in our community; now

THEREFORE, I, Reid MacDonald, Councillor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of June as National Indigenous History Month and June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Spruce Grove. I urge all residents to take this opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing impacts of colonialization on First Peoples and honour and learn about the rich and unique cultures of First Peoples on Treaty 6 territory and Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4 in the spirit of reconciliations and healing, celebration, partnership, and recognition of the diversity with which First Peoples contribute to our community.