

Proclamation

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21, 2020

WHEREAS the City of Toronto acknowledges the rich culture, heritage and achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada.

The City of Toronto recognizes the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples as the original inhabitants of the land now known as Toronto. Through this acknowledgement, the City of Toronto underlines that the fundamental strength of our community lies in our unique racial, ethno-cultural and Indigenous diversity.

In 2015, the City of Toronto endorsed the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and called upon the Federal and Provincial governments to adopt the Calls to Action. In 2018, the City of Toronto established its first Indigenous Affairs Office dedicated to supporting City divisions in their work with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and all urban Indigenous communities. The Office strives to strengthen the City's relationship with Indigenous communities and advance reconciliation.

I want to thank the Indigenous leaders and community members I have recently spoken with about the significant impacts the pandemic has had on their lives and communities. I am committed to working with all Indigenous peoples in a meaningful way to help address their needs related to this pandemic.

Toronto City Council and the people of Toronto are committed to creating an inclusive society. Our multicultural and multilingual communities contribute to our city's motto: "*Diversity Our Strength.*"

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 21, 2020** as "**Indigenous Peoples Day**" in the City of Toronto.



John Tory
Mayor of Toronto