

Proclamation

National Indigenous Month

June 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Toronto acknowledges the month of June as National Indigenous Month, a time to learn, reflect, and celebrate the diversity of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit across Tkaronto and all of Turtle Island.

Throughout the month, all Canadians can learn about the history of the First Peoples and further embrace the opportunity to learn more about their identities.

This month is also a time to celebrate the resilience of all Indigenous peoples, their vibrant and distinct cultures, and their beautiful languages. The City of Toronto encourages all residents to take time to educate themselves about Indigenous histories, strengths, and contributions.

Some ways include reading the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Final Report, building relationships with our Indigenous neighbours, and actively supporting Indigenous entrepreneurs and businesses.

National Indigenous Month reminds us to consider the unique needs of the Indigenous peoples in all of the work that we do. We must listen to their voices and stories and partner with them to help guide us in our work moving forward.

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



John Tory
Mayor of Toronto