

# *Proclamation*

## **National Indigenous Peoples Day**

**June 21, 2021**

WHEREAS this day was first proclaimed in 1996 to celebrate the unique heritage, diversity and valued contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

During this year's recognition, we pause to remember the recent discovery of the 215 children whose unmarked burial site was found at a residential school in Kamloops. We also remember all Indigenous children who didn't return home and their families who lost their loved ones, and the survivors of the residential and day schools.

The City of Toronto - home to the largest Indigenous population in Ontario - 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 recognizes the unique status and cultural diversity of Indigenous communities.

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 City of Toronto strives to strengthen the City's relationship with Indigenous communities and advance reconciliation. The City is committed to working with all Indigenous peoples in a meaningful way to help address their unique needs and work with the community to find solutions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 21, 2021** as "**National Indigenous Peoples Day**" in the City of Toronto.



John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto

