

Proclamation

Indigenous History Month & Indigenous People's Day

June 2019

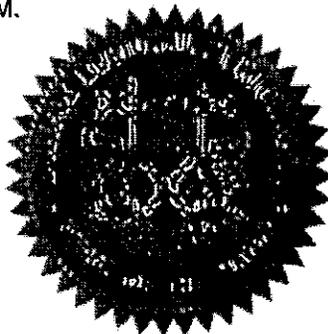
WHEREAS, Indigenous Organizations & Royal Commission on Aboriginal People called for the creation of a day to celebrated Indigenous Culture & History across Canada since the 1990s. In 1996, the Governor General of Canada, through a proclamation declared June 21st of each year as National Aboriginal Day. In 2009 the House of Commons passed a unanimous motion creating what was known as National Aboriginal History Month and in 2017, the Prime Minister issued a statement which announced the intent to rename the day as National Indigenous Peoples Day; and

WHEREAS, in cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21st, the summer solstice for what is now known as Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of the First Nation, Inuit and Metis people. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs. The Indigenous people of this diverse, vibrant and growing community have contributed to every aspect of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, The Halifax Regional Municipality acknowledges the values and contributions of the diverse Indigenous community in Kijipuktuk and Mi'kmaq people of Mi'kma'kik which this is their traditional and ancestral lands.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Deputy Mayor, Tony Mancini, on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as Indigenous History Month & June 21st, 2019 as Indigenous Peoples Day in HRM.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 21st day of June, 2019



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Tony Mancini
Deputy Mayor