



***Proclamation***  
**Indigenous History Month & Indigenous People's Day**  
**June 2023**

WHEREAS, Indigenous Organizations & Royal Commission on Aboriginal People called for the creation of a day to celebrate Indigenous Culture & History across Canada since the 1990s;

In 1996, the Governor General of Canada, through a proclamation declared June 21<sup>st</sup> 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. In 2017, the Prime Minister issued a statement which announced the intent to rename the day as National Indigenous Peoples Day

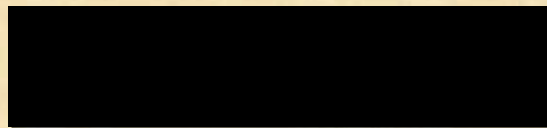
In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21<sup>st</sup>, the summer solstice, for what is now known as Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of the 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,

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor, Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as "Indigenous History Month" & June 21<sup>st</sup>, as "Indigenous Peoples Day" in Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2023



Mike Savage  
Mayor