

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS National Indigenous Peoples Day is a time for everyone to recognize the rich and diverse history, culture, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and communities, as well as the Indigenous Way of Knowing that continues to shape the beauty of our region; and

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples are the original stewards of this land and are fundamental to the history, identity, and future of the region; and

WHEREAS National Indigenous Peoples Day is a time to listen to and learn from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers about the true shared history; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is committed to advancing reconciliation through strengthened relationships based on the recognition of rights, respect, and friendship; and

WHEREAS

June 21 is a day to inspire Canadians to actively participate in community events and learning opportunities to increase personal understanding of the true history of the region and to advance truth and reconciliation in Wood Buffalo.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **June 21 2024**, as:

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Fort McMurray, Alberta, this eleventh day of June 2024.

Sandy Bowman

Mayor

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