



City of Spruce Grove Proclamation National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21, 2024

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove formally acknowledges we are on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis and is situated on the traditional lands of many First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Peoples, and in particular Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Michel First Nation, Alexander First Nation, Lac St. Anne Métis, and District 8 of the Metis Nation of Alberta; and

WHEREAS; June 21 is commemorated as National Indigenous Peoples Day to provide an opportunity to acknowledge the unique past, present, and future achievements of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit in fields as diverse as agriculture, the environment, business and the arts and celebrate the unique heritage, cultures, languages, contributions, and resiliency and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Turtle Island; and

WHEREAS; Indigenous Peoples have celebrated the beginning of summer, the arrival of warm weather and long hours of light - for generations. It is a day of spiritual and cultural significance, "symbolizing a new season of life", a chance to start fresh and leave the past burdens behind.; and

WHEREAS; Indigenous Peoples have made, and continue to make, invaluable contributions to Spruce Grove, and contribute greatly to the vibrancy, prosperity, diversity and shared future of our community. We are grateful for the contributions of Urban Indigenous community members, past, present, and future, in shaping our community; and

WHEREAS; The City of Spruce Grove strives to foster inclusion, honour diversity, and create a sense of belonging for all residents, and encourages everyone to relearn historical perspectives, to reflect on our collective shared history, and to take purposeful action towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS; the City of Spruce Grove is committed to building meaningful relationships, built on mutual trust and respect, with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis residents and the neighbouring Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Michel First Nation, Alexander First Nation, and the Lac Ste Anne Métis.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Acker, Mayor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the 21st day of June 2024 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Spruce Grove.