



CHESTERMERE

From the Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

National Indigenous Peoples Month June 1st- 30th and Indigenous Awareness Day June 21st

Every June, Canadians are invited to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous peoples in Canada. The City of Chestermere is located on Treaty 7 Blackfoot land and residents on this territory are encouraged to learn Canada's true history and participate in reconciliation through the Truth and reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action

WHEREAS: In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, Canada's Governor General Roméo LeBlanc proclaimed **June 21st** the first *National Aboriginal Day* in 1966. This day falls on the Summer Solstice and is symbolic as many generations of Indigenous peoples have celebrated their heritage at this time of year and

WHEREAS: National Indigenous People's month is a time to acknowledge and honour Indigenous heritage and to celebrate Indigenous cultures and

WHEREAS: Residents have an opportunity to reflect on the strength of present day First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities and their hopes for the future. The City of Chestermere sits on Siksika land and

WHEREAS: Treaty 7 with the Government of Canada was signed on 22 September 1877 by five First Nations: the Siksika (Blackfoot), Kainai (Blood), Piikani (Peigan), Stoney-Nakoda, and Tsuut'ina (Sarcee). Chestermere is also home to the Metis Nation of Region III of Alberta.

WHEREAS: With a direct response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to **action #47** and our commitment to the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities, the City of Chestermere is committed to reconciliation, honoring its first Peoples, and celebrating diversity as a strength in our community. Reconciliation is a necessary step to acknowledging the historical racial injustice that has been faced by the Indigenous peoples of Canada

NOW THEREFORE,
I,

Marshall Chalmers, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby proclaim the Week of and **June 21st -27th 2020** as Chestermere Indigenous Awareness Week.

Dated this 27th day of MAY, 2021

Mayor Marshall Chalmers

