

# Proclamation

## National Indigenous Peoples Day

### June 21, 2019

Whereas the Constitution of Canada recognizes the existing rights of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada; and

Whereas in the Constitution of Canada **Indigenous Peoples of Canada** includes the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people of Canada; and

Whereas Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has declared June 21<sup>st</sup> as National Indigenous Peoples Day in honor, recognition and celebration of the valuable contributions made by the Indigenous Peoples of Canada to Canadian Society; and

And Whereas many Indigenous Peoples celebrate the Summer Solstice, which has important symbolism to their cultures; and

Whereas First Light St. John's Friendship Centre (the largest Indigenous not-for-profit organization in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador since 1983), in keeping with our Mission to serve the Indigenous and broader community through celebration and support of Indigenous cultures and the provision of appropriate programs and services delivered in an atmosphere of trust, respect, and friendship, has established itself as a leading organization in the areas of culture, health, employment, housing, corrections, recreation, family service, and social enterprise; and

Whereas First Light will be celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day throughout the week of June 17-22, 2019 with numerous community events highlighted by a Sunrise Ceremony at the Shanawidith Memorial in Bannerman Park and an Urban Mawiomi at the Techniplex in Pleasantville;

Therefore, I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2019 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of St. John's, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the contributions of Indigenous People in City.

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Danny Breen, Mayor