

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS In June, Canadians respectfully recognize National Indigenous

History Month to honour the diversity of Indigenous peoples, as

well as the Indigenous way of knowing; and

WHEREAS it is an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day

Indigenous communities and their resiliency in maintaining language and culture despite the impacts of colonialism; and

WHEREAS National Indigenous History Month is a time for learning about,

appreciating, and acknowledging the contributions that First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people have made as the original

peoples of this land; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo recognizes the

importance and sacred nature of cultural ceremonies and experiences necessary for maintaining and reviving culture that

usually occur during this time; and

WHEREAS while National Indigenous History Month events and experiences

may be different this year, we will still share and learn from

stories, traditions and culture in new ways that keep us connected

to the land and one another

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **JUNE 2021**, as:

"NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH"

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 25th day of May 2021.

Don Scott, QC Mayor