

Proclamation
National Indigenous People's Day
June 21, 2024

WHEREAS: In co-operation with Indigenous organizations, Canada's Governor General proclaimed June 21st the first National Aboriginal Day in 1996; and

WHEREAS: National Indigenous Peoples Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the unique achievements of First Nations, Métis and Inuit in fields as diverse as agriculture, the environment, business and the arts; and

WHEREAS: Sioux Lookout is significantly enriched by the many contributions from Indigenous residents, leaders, elders and organizations, including cultural, economic, and artistic enrichment; and

WHEREAS: On June 21, 2012 a Friendship Accord was signed by the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, Lac Seul First Nation, and Slate Falls First Nation, which, in the ensuing years, was also signed by the First Nation communities of Cat Lake and Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug; and

WHEREAS: The Friendship Accord exists to foster and support relationship building, partnerships, and lobbying on issues of common concern and interest; and

WHEREAS: Council in 2016, established a Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee which has provided action on Municipal responses to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action; and

WHEREAS: The Municipality of Sioux Lookout continues to forge positive relationships with First Nations leaders, work with First Nation agencies, collaborate with First Nations partners, and advocate for changes that support reconciliation.

NOW

THEREFORE: I, Doug Lawrance, Mayor of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, do hereby proclaim **June 21, 2023** as **Indigenous People's Day**, and encourage all residents to celebrate together in recognition of the diversity and contributions made to the community of Sioux Lookout by Indigenous people.



Doug Lawrance, Mayor