



CHESTERMERE

Proclamation

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH AND NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

June 2026 and June 21, 2026

WHEREAS the City of Chestermere acknowledges that it is situated on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot and the people of the Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Siksika, Piikani, Kainai, the Tsuut'ina and the Stoney Nakoda First Nations, including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations. The City of Chestermere is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta, District 4; and

WHEREAS In 2009, the Government of Canada officially declared June as National Indigenous History Month and is working to advance truth and reconciliation by building harmonious partnerships based on the recognition of rights, respect, truth, cooperation, humility, reciprocity, and friendship with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples, and communities across Canada, traditionally known as Turtle Island; and

WHEREAS June 21 is observed as National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time to uplift and centre Indigenous Voices, fostering a deeper respect for and connection to Indigenous cultures, traditions, and heritage across Turtle Island. For generations, many Indigenous Peoples and Communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on, or near this day, due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year; and

WHEREAS the City of Chestermere recognizes and celebrates the significant historical and ongoing contributions of Indigenous people across Canada and Chestermere in all aspects of daily life, including modern medicine, education, community wellness, and art and culture; and

WHEREAS First peoples, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, history, culture, and contributions deserve to be recognized and honoured, as does the strength and resiliency of Indigenous communities in maintaining languages and cultures despite the ongoing impacts of colonialism; and

WHEREAS; the City of Chestermere strives to be an inclusive community and encourages everyone to reflect and learn about the diverse experiences, knowledge systems, and injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured, including the forced displacement, cultural suppression, and systemic barriers that they have and continue to face;

THEREFORE I, Shannon Dean, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby proclaim June, and June 21, 2026, in the City of Chestermere as:

“National Indigenous History Month”

and

“National Indigenous Peoples Day”



Mayor Shannon Dean

