



PROCLAMATION

CANADIAN RIVER'S DAY

June 14, 2026

- WHEREAS: on June 21, 2002, Minister of Canadian Heritage Sheila Copps, signed a Ministerial Proclamation to declare that the second Sunday of June would be celebrated annually as Canadian Rivers Day; and
- WHEREAS: the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) helps recognize, conserve, and share in the storytelling of outstanding rivers that are an enduring part of our national heritage and identity; and
- WHEREAS: from coast to coast to coast, Canadian Heritage Rivers offer visitors a chance to experience great waterways, learn about their rich history, and share in their stewardship; and
- WHEREAS: fresh water is essential to life on earth; Canada being bestowed with more than one-fifth of the world's supply; and
- WHEREAS: rivers are a vital element of Canada's natural environment and Canadians' cultural heritage, as well as being the lifelines to healthy oceans, forests, and communities; and
- WHEREAS: rivers are living threads of history that connect our communities and bind our country, representing an enduring spirit of adventure, discovery, and connectivity.
- NOW THEREFORE: I, Reeve, Craig Lukinuk of Smoky Lake County, hereby proclaim June 14, 2026 to be Canadian River's Day in Smoky Lake County.