



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

June 21, 2026

- WHEREAS: Smoky Lake County is located on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux.
- WHEREAS: June 21 is commemorated as National Indigenous Peoples Day to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, cultures, languages, contributions, and resiliency and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across the country; and
- WHEREAS: June 21 is the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, and a culturally significant time for many Indigenous Peoples; and
- WHEREAS: Smoky Lake County strives to foster inclusion, honour diversity, and create a sense of belonging for all residents, and encourages everyone to relearn historical perspectives, to accurately reflect on history, and to take purposeful action towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous peoples have made, and continue to make, invaluable contributions to Smoky Lake County, to Alberta, to Canada and around the world; we, in turn, celebrate these contributions, respecting and supporting diversity and inclusiveness as a core value in our community.
- NOW THEREFORE: I, Reeve, Craig Lukinuk of Smoky Lake County, hereby proclaim June 21, 2026 to be National Indigenous Peoples Day in Smoky Lake County.