



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
 BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY"

- WHEREAS The City of Vancouver formally acknowledges that it is on the unceded traditional homelands of the x̣ʷməθkʷəỵəm (Musqueam), Sḳwx̣wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations;
- AND WHEREAS National Indigenous Peoples Day is an opportunity to honour, learn, and reflect on the rich, diverse cultures of Indigenous Peoples and the unique heritage, traditions, and knowledge of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples;
- AND WHEREAS Since the confirmation of unmarked graves at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on May 23, 2022, we continue to confront the truth of the Indian residential school legacy and grieve with all Indigenous people affected.
- AND WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples continue to face racism, discrimination, and marginalization in Vancouver and across the country. We are committed to upholding the Calls to Action identified by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and honouring the Indigenous rights enshrined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- AND WHEREAS The contributions of Indigenous Peoples to Vancouver's past, present, and future are profound but often unrecognized. We commit to lifelong learning about Reconciliation and the significant ways Indigenous residents have shaped our city's rich culture and vibrant communities;
- AND WHEREAS This year, we recognize Melaney Gleeson-Lyall (Point), an artist from the x̣ẉməθḳwəỵəm (Musqueam), Snaw'naw'as (Nanoose), and Lyackson Nations. Her 2024 design, "Grandmother Moon," honours her late sister, Kat Norris, an Indigenous activist. The artwork is featured on the 2024 National Indigenous Peoples Day flag and commemorative t-shirts;
- AND WHEREAS The City recognizes the important work done to develop the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Action Plan, and acknowledges the collaborative efforts with the x̣ʷməθkʷəỵəm (Musqueam), Sḳwx̣wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations in this process;
- AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver is marking 10 years as a City of Reconciliation, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to reconciliation with x̣ʷməθkʷəỵəm (Musqueam), Sḳwx̣wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, and Urban Indigenous communities;

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, June 21st, 2024 as

"NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY"

in the City of Vancouver.

Ken Sim
 MAYOR

