



CHESTERMERE

From the Office of the Mayor

Proclamation National Indigenous Awareness Week June 21st to 27th 2020

Every June, Canadians are invited to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous peoples in Canada. The City of Chestermere is located on Treaty 7 Blackfoot land and residents on this territory are encouraged to learn Canada's true history and participate in reconciliation through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action

WHEREAS: In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, Canada's Governor General Roméo LeBlanc proclaimed **June 21st** the first *National Aboriginal Day* in 1966. This day falls on the Summer Solstice and is symbolic as many generations of Indigenous peoples have celebrated their heritage at this time of year and

WHEREAS: National Indigenous People's month is a time to acknowledge the role Indigenous peoples played in the development of Canada, to honor Indigenous heritage and to celebrate Indigenous cultures and

WHEREAS: Residents have an opportunity to reflect on the strength of present day First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities and their hopes for the future and

WHEREAS: This territory, known as *Blackfoot* was a gathering place for many First Nations generations – including the Kainai, Piikani and Siksika and Region III Métis- before the City of Chestermere was founded and,

WHEREAS: The City of Chestermere is committed to reconciliation, honoring its first peoples, and celebrating diversity as a strength in our community. Reconciliation is a necessary step to acknowledging the racial injustice that has been faced by the Indigenous peoples of Canada, and we are committing to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action as a Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE,
I, Marshall Chalmers, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby proclaim the Week of and **June 21st -27th 2020** as Chestermere Indigenous Awareness Week.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2020

Mayor Marshall Chalmers

