

**Proclamation**  
**National Indigenous People's Day**  
**June 21, 2023**

**WHEREAS:** In co-operation with Indigenous organizations, Canada's Governor General proclaimed June 21<sup>st</sup> the first National Aboriginal Day in 1996; and

**WHEREAS:** National Indigenous Peoples Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the unique achievements of First Nations, Métis and Inuit in fields as diverse as agriculture, the environment, business and the arts; and

**WHEREAS:** Sioux Lookout is significantly enriched by the many contributions from Indigenous residents, leaders, elders and organizations, including cultural, economic, and artistic enrichment; and

**WHEREAS:** On June 21, 2012 a Friendship Accord was signed by the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, Lac Seul First Nation, and Slate Falls First Nation, which, in the ensuing years, was also signed by the First Nation communities of Cat Lake and Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug; and

**WHEREAS:** The Friendship Accord exists to foster and support relationship building, partnerships, and lobbying on issues of common concern and interest; and

**WHEREAS:** Council in 2016, established a Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee which has provided action on Municipal responses to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action; and

**WHEREAS:** The Municipality of Sioux Lookout continues to forge positive relationships with First Nations leaders, work with First Nation agencies, collaborate with First Nations partners, and advocate for changes that support reconciliation.

**NOW**

**THEREFORE:** I, Doug Lawrance, Mayor of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, do hereby proclaim **June 21, 2023** as **Indigenous People's Day**, and encourage all residents to celebrate together in recognition of the diversity and contributions made to the community of Sioux Lookout by Indigenous people.



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Doug Lawrance, Mayor