



**Proclamation
National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 21, 2022**

WHEREAS the Constitution of Canada recognizes the existing rights of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada; and

WHEREAS in the Constitution of Canada, Indigenous Peoples of Canada includes the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people of Canada; and

WHEREAS Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has declared June 21st as National Indigenous Peoples Day in honor, recognition and celebration of the valuable contributions made by the Indigenous Peoples of Canada to Canadian society; and

WHEREAS many Indigenous Peoples celebrate the Summer Solstice, which has important symbolism to their cultures; and

WHEREAS First Light St. John's Friendship Centre (the largest Indigenous not-for-profit organization in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador since 1983), in keeping with their Mission to serve the Indigenous and broader community through celebration and support of Indigenous cultures and the provision of appropriate programs and services delivered in an atmosphere of trust, respect, and friendship, has established itself as a leading organization in the areas of culture, health, employment, housing, corrections, recreation, family service, and social enterprise; and

WHEREAS First Light will be celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day with numerous community events.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Craig Scott, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2022 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the Town of Torbay, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the contributions Indigenous Peoples have made to Torbay, Newfoundland and Labrador and Canada.



Mayor Craig Scott

Signed this day, the 13th day of June, 2022.