PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
JUNE 21, 2026

WHEREAS, National Indigenous Peoples Day is observed annually on June 21st to recognize and celebrate the rich cultures, histories, languages, traditions, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, Mi'kmaq, Innu, Métis, and all Indigenous Peoples across Canada; and

WHEREAS, Newfoundland and Labrador was historically, and remains, home to diverse Indigenous Peoples, including the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut, the Innu of Nitassinan, the Mi'kmaq of Ktaqmkuk (Newfoundland), and honours the memory and enduring legacy of the Beothuk, the original Indigenous inhabitants of the island of Newfoundland; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples have cultured and maintained deep connections to the lands, waters, animals, and natural environment of Newfoundland and Labrador since time immemorial, contributing immeasurably to the cultural, social, economic, and spiritual life of this province; and

WHEREAS, National Indigenous Peoples Day provides an opportunity for all residents to become educated on and celebrate the unique histories, cultures, achievements, and ongoing contributions of Indigenous communities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador; and

WHEREAS, this day also serves as a reminder of the importance of truth, reconciliation, mutual respect, and the continued work of building meaningful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples through ongoing commitment, education, dialogue, and action to address the legacy of colonialism and to build stronger relationships founded on respect and partnership; and

WHEREAS, through community education, understanding, and collaboration, we can help foster a better future founded upon respect, inclusion, and recognition of Indigenous rights, cultures, and perspectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Richards by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby proclaim June 21st as National Indigenous Day in the Town of Pouch Cove, and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the rich heritage, cultures, and contributions of the Indigenous Peoples of Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as the rest of Canada, and to participate in activities that promote learning, understanding, and reconciliation.

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Mayor Brad Richards

June 23, 2026

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