PROCLAMATION
INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 8TH 2026

WHEREAS Indigenous Veterans Day, observed annually on November 8TH, provides an opportunity to honour the service, courage, and sacrifices of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Veterans, to remember Newfoundland and Labrador's military history including the contributions of Indigenous Peoples, whose stories form an essential part of our province's heritage and deserve to be heard, preserved, and shared, and to honour Indigenous members serving today; and

WHEREAS Indigenous service members answered the call to serve despite discrimination and barriers, and many returned home to inequitable treatment and obstacles to receiving the recognition, benefits, and opportunities afforded to other Veterans, and have a long and distinguished history of military service, contributing their knowledge, skills, leadership, and dedication during the World Wars, the Korean War, peacekeeping operations, and other military missions at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS meaningful remembrance requires us to acknowledge these injustices alongside their service and achievements, and to support dignity, fairness, and equitable access to care for Indigenous Veterans and their families along side all other Veterans; and

WHEREAS the effects of military service and loss extend to families and communities are often heavy to bear, we recognize the strength of those who care for Veterans, preserve their stories, and carry forward the memory of loved ones, we acknowledge the importance of listening to Indigenous Veterans and respecting the distinct histories, identities, and traditions of Indigenous Peoples are important parts of remembrance and reconciliation and a shared responsibility to help younger generations learn these histories and ensure that Indigenous Veterans receive lasting recognition along with other Veterans within our community's remembrance activities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brad Richards, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026, as Indigenous Veterans Day in the Town of Pouch Cove, and encourage all residents to learn about the experiences and contributions of Indigenous Veterans; to honour those who served and those who did not return; and to support remembrance that recognizes their service with respect, understanding, and gratitude. May we carry their stories forward, acknowledge the hardships they endured, and honour their legacy through our commitment to reconciliation.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF POUCH COVE INCORPORATED 1970

Mayor Brad Richards

Oct 26 / 2026

Dated