

June 2024 Proclamations

National Indigenous History Month

June 2024

WHEREAS; In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada;

WHEREAS; It is an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous Communities;

WHEREAS; National Indigenous History Month is a time for learning about, appreciating and acknowledging the contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people have made in shaping Canada;

WHEREAS; Parkland County recognizes the importance and sacred nature of cultural ceremonies and celebrations that usually occur during this time;

WHEREAS; Parkland County encourages all resident to reflect, learn, and take action in a meaningful way towards reconciliation in solidarity with Indigenous people;

THEREFORE; Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim June 2024 to be National Indigenous History Month in Parkland County.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY

June 1, 2024

WHEREAS, the Parliament of Canada wishes to increase awareness among Canadians of the significant benefits of physical activity and to encourage Canadians to increase their level of physical activity and their participation in recreational sports and fitness activities;

WHEREAS, it is in Canada's interest to improve the health of all Canadians and to reduce the burden of illness on Canadian families and on the Canadian health care system;

WHEREAS, many local governments in Canada have public facilities to promote the health and fitness of their citizens;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada wishes to encourage local governments to facilitate Canadian's participation in healthy physical activities;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada wishes to encourage the country's local governments, non-government organizations, the private sector, and all Canadians to recognize the first Saturday in June as National Health and Fitness Day and to mark the

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day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the important and use of local health, recreational, sports and fitness facilities;

WHEREAS, Canada's mountains, oceans, lakes, forest, parks, and wilderness also offer recreational and fitness opportunities;

WHEREAS, Canadian Environment Week is observed throughout the country in early June, and walking and cycling are great ways to reduce vehicle pollution and improve physical fitness;

WHEREAS, declaring the first Saturday in June to be National Health and Fitness Day will further encourage Canadians to participate in physical activities and contribute to their own health and well-being;

THEREFORE, Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim June 1, 2024, as National Health & Fitness Day in Parkland County.

SENIORS WEEK

June 3-9, 2024

WHEREAS; we recognize that seniors have made, and continue to make, many contributions to strengthen our province, our towns, our communities, and our daily lives;

WHEREAS; seniors are a vital part of our families, giving generously of their wisdom, experience, and love;

WHEREAS; more seniors are independent and active, and by challenging the stereotypes of aging, are leading the way for future seniors;

WHEREAS; a more positive attitude toward aging is creating new opportunities for seniors;

WHEREAS, we must honour seniors for their skills, knowledge, experience, and leadership;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a special week be set aside to celebrate with seniors;

THEREFORE, Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim the week of June 3-9, 2024, to be Senior's Week, and we call upon everyone in Parkland County and area to join in celebration of seniors to recognize the valuable contributions of seniors.

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WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

June 15, 2024

WHEREAS, most abuse and neglect of older adults is hidden;

WHEREAS, age discrimination is a major cause of abuse and neglect of older adults;

WHEREAS, empowering older persons is the most effective tool in the response to abuse and neglect in later life;

WHEREAS, through intergenerational relationships, the social isolation and neglect of older adults can be broken;

THEREFORE, Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim June 15, 2024, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Together we can prevent abuse of older adults.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21, 2024

WHEREAS; Parkland County, located on Treaty 6 territory, the traditional lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Dene and Nakota Sioux Nations, acknowledges that the land we now know as Canada is the traditional territory of many First Nations, Inuit and Metis, and pays homage to these and all indigenous peoples – past, present, and future – that continue to support, educate and contribute to the strength of our region and country;

WHEREAS; The Governor General of Canada declared June 21st as National Aboriginal Day 23 years ago as an opportunity to honour, learn and reflect on the rich, diverse cultures of Indigenous Peoples and the unique heritage, traditions, and knowledge of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples;

WHEREAS; Parkland County observes that we are all subject to the treaties and respect them as relevant promises binding on all Canadians and Indigenous peoples, and permanently flies the Treaty 6 flag as an act of reconciliation that honours the complexity of the municipal claim on this land;

WHEREAS; Parkland County recognizes the interconnectedness of the past, present and future as foundational to the success, prosperity and sustainability of our county and region;

WHEREAS; Indigenous peoples have made, and continue to make, invaluable contributions to Parkland County, to Alberta, to Canada and around the world; we, in

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turn, celebrate these contributions, respecting and supporting diversity and inclusiveness as a core value in our community;

WHEREAS; Parkland County honours Treaty, and is striving for Truth and Reconciliation;

THEREFORE; in recognition of all contributions and relationships with the peoples of the Treaty First Nations of Alberta in our community, our region, and our province, Parkland County Council does hereby proclaim June 21st, 2024 as Indigenous Peoples Day in Parkland County.