



## PROCLAMATION

### Indigenous Peoples Month

June 2024

**Whereas** in co-operation with Indigenous organizations, Canada's Governor General proclaimed June 21 the first National Aboriginal Day in 1996; and

**Whereas** in co-operation with Indigenous organizations, the Canadian government declared June National Aboriginal History Month on June 4, 2009; and

**Whereas** National Indigenous Peoples Month 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** National Indigenous Peoples Month gives many people the chance to learn more about Aboriginal people and their contributions towards the country's development and progress. First Nations, Métis and Inuit people have the opportunity to showcase their cultures and achievements throughout Canada; and

**Whereas** the territory that was known as Katarokwi was a gathering place for many First Nations generations before the City of Kingston was founded; and

**Whereas** Molly Brant, the sister of Joseph Brant, was instrumental in the founding of Kingston; and

**Whereas** many of the City of Kingston's Indigenous peoples have celebrated their culture and heritage for many generations, through events such as the Community Pow wows and other traditional gatherings; and

**Whereas** many Indigenous peoples from many different nations continue to live, work or travel through the City of Kingston, or visit it in their travels; and

**Whereas** the City of Kingston, recognizing its wealth of history and culture, seeks to take the lead and become one of the growing numbers of municipalities across Canada that has declared Indigenous Peoples Month; and

**Whereas** the City of Kingston recognizes the past, present and future cultural and historical contribution that all First Nation, Metis and Inuit peoples, and values the presence and contributions of First Nation, Metis and Inuit residents;

**Therefore**, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be 'Indigenous Peoples Month' in the City of Kingston.

**Dated** at Kingston this 22nd day of May, 2024.

Bryan Paterson  
Mayor