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## National Indigenous Day

<b>WHEREAS</b>	we acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation; and
<b>WHEREAS</b>	National Indigenous Day in Canada is annually held on June 21 to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of our nation's Indigenous people; and
<b>WHEREAS</b>	many Indigenous peoples celebrate the summer solstice, which has an important symbolism within their cultures; and
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the ground we currently stand on was the meeting ground, gathering place and travelling route of the Blackfoot, Gros Ventres, Cree, Saulteaux, Dene, Sioux and later Métis among others; and
<b>WHEREAS</b>	Strathcona County proudly recognizes that a portion of the land we live on is called Amiskwaciy, Cree for "The Beaver Hills;" and
<b>WHEREAS</b>	the land on which our County now sits is where First Nations made alliances, conducted trade, and built summer and winter camps where they would hunt and work together; and
<b>WHEREAS</b>	we acknowledge as a Country the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries and who continue to contribute to the vibrant and diverse culture of our community.
<b>NOW THEREFORE</b>	I, Mayor Roxanne Carr, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2017 as "National Indigenous Day" in Strathcona County.

Dated this 20 day of June, 2017.

Signed by

Roxanne Carr, Mayor