



Proclamation

June 2020 National Indigenous History Month

June 21, 2020 National Indigenous Peoples Day

Whereas, in 2009, June was declared National Indigenous History month by the passing of a unanimous motion of the House of Commons; and

Whereas, recognizing National Indigenous History Month is an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the history of the Indigenous peoples in Canada - the first peoples of Canada; and

Whereas, in cooperation with Indigenous Peoples' national organizations, the Government of Canada designated June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day; and

Whereas, June 21 was chosen because it corresponds to the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, and for generations many Indigenous Peoples' groups have celebrated their culture and heritage at this time of year; and

Whereas, National Indigenous Peoples Day is a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with the cultural diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and to discover the unique accomplishments of Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas, Orangeville is a community that celebrates its cultural diversity.

Now therefore, I, Mayor Sandy Brown, do hereby proclaim **June 2020** as "**National Indigenous History Month**" and **June 21, 2020** as "**National Indigenous Peoples Day**" in the Town of Orangeville and urge all residents to take this opportunity to celebrate and recognize the contributions of the Indigenous peoples to our communities and Country.

Sandy Brown
Mayor