



The City of Saint John

## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS:** The City of Saint John acknowledges the enduring historical injustices faced by Indigenous peoples, rooted in colonization, forced assimilation, and systemic injustices.

**WHEREAS:** The designation of June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day provides a significant opportunity to recognize and honor the resilience, strength, and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities that have endured historical traumas, including the 60s Scoop, the Millennium Scoop, birth alerts, and the enduring legacy of residential schools.

**WHEREAS:** By establishing June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day, the City of Saint John aims to create a crucial platform for healing, education, and dialogue. This initiative seeks to raise awareness about the unique struggles faced by Indigenous peoples, emphasizing the need for understanding and support.

**WHEREAS:** This observance serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing challenges confronted by Indigenous people and communities.

**WHEREAS:** Through the implementation of Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, 2024, the City of Saint John reaffirms its dedication to honoring Indigenous survivors, promoting healing, and actively contributing to the construction of a more equitable and inclusive city for all.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, *Mayor Donna Noade Reardon*, of *Saint John* do hereby proclaim June 30, 2024 as Indigenous Survivors Day in the City of Saint John.

**In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Mayor of the City of Saint John.**

