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RE: June 21 proclaimed National Indigenous Peoples Day in Amherst

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – June 21 has been proclaimed National Indigenous Peoples Day in the Town of Amherst by Mayor David Kogon.

“The town believes it is beneficial for all Canadians to recognize the contributions of Inuit, First Nations and Metis people in Canada’s development,” Kogon said as he signed the proclamation on June 15.

“National Indigenous Peoples Day gives the residents of Amherst and all Canadians the opportunity to learn more about Indigenous culture and heritage, doing so helps create harmony among all Canadians.”

In proclaiming June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day in Amherst, the town joins hundreds of communities across the country and the Government of Canada in celebrating Indigenous culture.



Mayor David Kogon

The Town of Amherst and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada have teamed up to celebrate the day with many activities, including an opening ceremony that will take place at 11 a.m. at the Four Fathers Memorial Library. There a Smudging ceremony will take place followed by speeches from several dignitaries, including Deputy-mayor Sheila Christie who will bring greetings on behalf of the town.

The opening ceremony will be followed by a parade from the library to Victoria Square, where several activities including traditional dancing and drumming will take place.

Indigenous artisans will be on hand to showcase their talents and storytelling and various giveaways for children will be available.

Refreshments will also be served.

The activities will wrap-up at 3 p.m. with Grand Exit from the square that will be led by flag



bearers, drummers and dancers.

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