



## Media Release

### Wheatland County Recognizes National Indigenous History

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WHEATLAND COUNTY, AB (June 21, 2020) – Wheatland County recognizes and celebrates National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day. June is National Indigenous History Month - a time for all Canadians - Indigenous, non-Indigenous and newcomers - to reflect upon and learn the history, sacrifices, cultures, contributions, and strength of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people. It is important to keep in mind that First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples each have their own unique histories.

In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

Wheatland County is located within the Blackfoot Confederacy and Treaty 7 land. Our neighbours and friends of Siksika Nation Administration nurture the growth, independence, and well-being of the Blackfoot culture.

“Today we honour the diverse cultures of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, in particular that of our neighbours, Siksika Nation,” stated Wheatland County Reeve Amber Link. “Wheatland County Council values our relationship with Siksika Nation Chief and Council and we look forward to working together in partnership, strengthening our mutual appreciation, understanding, and respect. Today, and every day, I encourage all of us to take time to learn and celebrate the people and cultures around us. Dig deep into the rich heritage of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.”

This National Indigenous People's Day, on June 21, take time to learn and celebrate the people and cultures around you.

#### About Wheatland County

Wheatland County has a population of 8,788 residents. Our proud heritage of independence and hard work shows in our farms and ranches - and our pride in the past is still evident. Our work ethic and dedicated stewardship of the land, once primarily agricultural, are now our strength as we look forward to the future. Continuing growth and development in agribusiness, oil and gas and manufacturing will add a vibrant entrepreneurial outlook.

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