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June 30, 2000

The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Premier  
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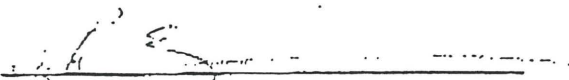
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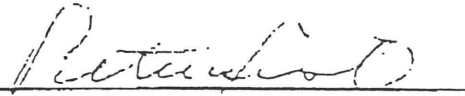
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The Yellowknives Den First Nation support the establishment of June 21 as a statutory holiday.

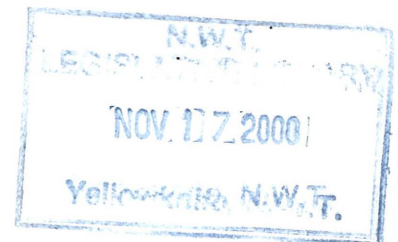
First Nations peoples represent the majority of the Northwest Territories and a statutory holiday would bring increased awareness to our culture and heritage. This proposed holiday would provide all people, including First Nations peoples in the Northwest Territories with an occasion for families to come together to reaffirm our traditions and our commitment to sacred values.

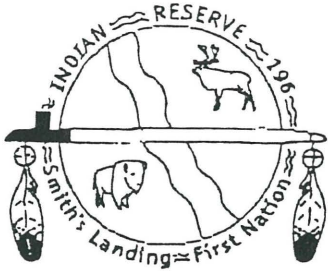
Sincerely,

  
Chief Richard Edjericon  
Dettah

  
Chief Peter Liske  
Ndilo

c: David Krutko, MLA, Mackenzie Delta





# Smith's Landing First Nation

c/o P.O. Box 1470, Fort Smith, NT, X0E 0P0  
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November 08, 2000

David Krutko, MLA  
Mackenzie Delta  
Legislative Assembly of NWT  
P.O. Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NT. X1A 2L9

**DECLARATION OF ORIGINAL DAY AS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY**

Smith's Landing First Nation, Chief and Council and its membership support the proposed holiday of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000 as a statutory holiday that would increase the awareness of our culture.

Yours truly,

Fred Daniels  
Chief, Smith's Landing First Nation

cc Premier Stephen Kakfwi

July 1, 2000

ALL ABORIGINAL LEADERS


**Declaration of Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday**

Today, on Canada Day, I would like to enlist your support to declare Aboriginal Day, June 21 as a statutory holiday. We are the founding fathers of this country. First Nations peoples also represent the majority of the Northwest Territories, and a statutory holiday would bring increased awareness to our culture and heritage. This proposed holiday would provide all people, including First Nations peoples in the Northwest Territories with an occasion for families to come together to reaffirm our traditions and our commitment to our sacred values.

Our Premier, the Honourable Stephen Kakfwi has suggested in the Legislature that if there is enough support from Aboriginal Groups for this initiative, his office would seriously considering declaring Aboriginal Day as a statutory holiday.

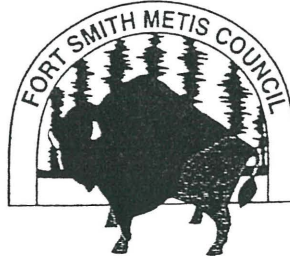
Respectfully, I would like once again, ask for your assistance, by requesting you to write a letter of support to the Premier for this important initiative. I have attached a recent news article for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to address, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,



David Krutko, MLA  
Mackenzie Delta.

c.c. Premier Stephen Kakfwi.



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July 7, 2000

David Krutko, MLA  
Legislative Assembly  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
P.O. Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

**Re Support for National Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday**

Dear Mr. Krutko

The Fort Smith Métis Council requests and fully supports a declaration by the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, of June 21, National Aboriginal Day as a statutory holiday.

Our Métis and Dene people should be recognized as original peoples and for their continuing contributions to the Northwest Territories and the Nation.

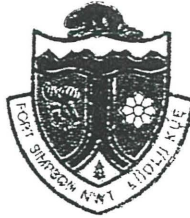
Sincerely

Gordon Villebrun  
President

C. Premier Stephen Kakfwi



# Village of Fort Simpson



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July 18, 2000

Mr. David Krutko  
MLA  
Mackenzie Delta  
P.O. Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NT  
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Dear Sir:

Further to your letter of July 1, 2000, Council at its meeting of July 17, 2000 passed the following Resolution.

**Resolution #2000 - 207**

Moved by: Councillor Canvin

Seconded by: Councillor Villeneuve

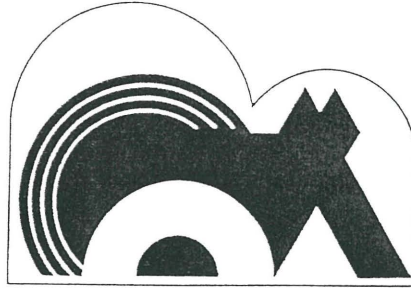
That Council supports an initiative by David Krutko, MLA Mackenzie Delta to declare June 21 as a Statutory Holiday (Aboriginal Day) in the Northwest Territories.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Yours truly,

Bruce Leclaire

Senior Administrative Officer



**INUVIK**

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*Office of the Mayor*

July 4, 2000

Mr. David Krutko  
MLA, Mackenzie Delta  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
Legislative Assembly  
Box 1320  
Yellowknife NT X1A 2L9

Dear Mr. Krutko:

re: DECLARATION OF NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY AS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your initiative to have National Aboriginal Day declared as a statutory holiday.

The Town of Inuvik has proclaimed National Aboriginal Day for the past three (3) years. In addition, our Recreation Department and local aboriginal groups have worked planning various events in celebration of the occasion.

We would like to take this opportunity to lend our full support to this initiative.

Sincerely,

George Roach  
Mayor

GVR/sfs

c Honourable Roger Allen, MLA ~ Inuvik – Twin Lakes  
Floyd Roland, MLA ~ Inuvik – Boot Lake



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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

July 06, 2000

Mr. David Krutko  
MLA, Mackenzie Delta  
P.O. Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NWT  
XIA 2L9

Dear Mr. Krutko:

**RE: JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> – ABORIGINAL DAY/STATUTORY HOLIDAY**

During the Regular Council Meeting which took place July 05, 2000, Council reviewed your letter requesting support to declare June 21<sup>st</sup> a Statutory Holiday.

Council fully supports the initiative of declaring June 21<sup>st</sup> a Statutory Holiday. The proposed statutory holiday would bring increased awareness to our cultures and heritage.

On behalf of Council, I wish the Legislative Assembly success in declaring Aboriginal Day a Statutory Holiday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest T. Pokiak".

Ernest T. Pokiak  
Mayor



*norman wells*

06 July 2000

David Krutko, MLA  
Mackenzie Delta  
Legislative Assembly of the NWT  
PO Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2L9

Dear Mr Krutko:

**Re: Declaration of Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday**

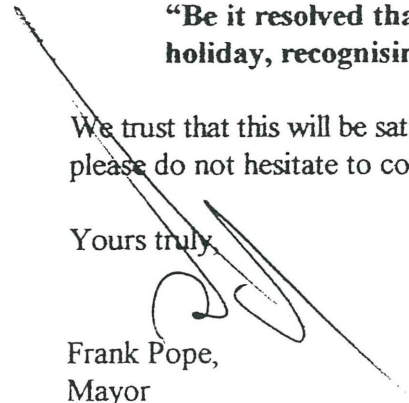
Thank you for your letter dated 1 July 2000 requesting Council's support for the establishment of Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday.

I am please to advise you that the Council for the Town of Norman Wells reviewed your request during its regular session held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2000. At that time Council unanimously passed the following motion:

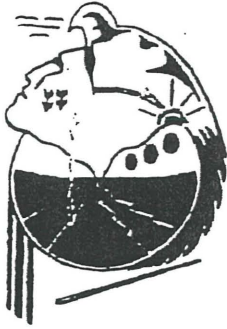
**“Be it resolved that Council hereby supports the establishment of a statutory holiday, recognising June 21<sup>st</sup> as Aboriginal Day.”**

We trust that this will be satisfactory to your campaign. I your have any further comments or requests please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours truly,



Frank Pope,  
Mayor



# DENE CULTURAL INSTITUTE

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### FAX MESSAGE

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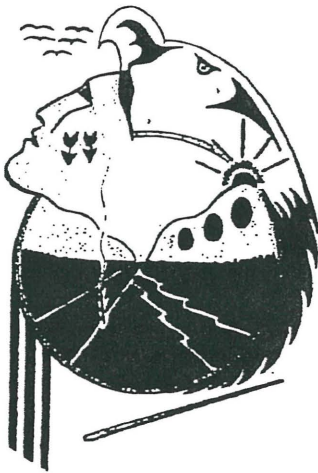
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August 11, 2000

Our File: 1200

Premier Stephen Kakfwi  
Legislative Assembly  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
P.O. Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NT  
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Dear Premier Kakfwi:

**Re: Declaration of Aboriginal Day as Statutory Holiday**

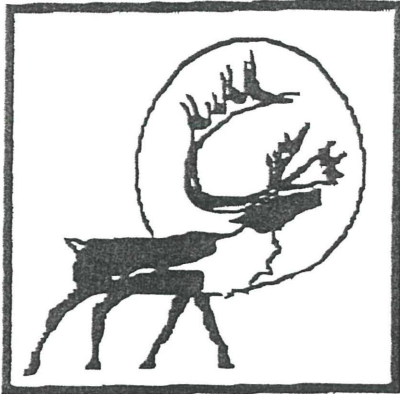
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Dene Cultural Institute and myself, we wish to lend our support toward the establishment of Aboriginal Day on June 21<sup>st</sup> as a GNWT designated statutory holiday. June 21<sup>st</sup> is a Culturally significant day for all peoples of Canada to recognize the contributions that First Nations have made on this land and to this country we call "Canada".

Within our organizational policies, the Dene Cultural Institute has recognized and designated June 21<sup>st</sup> as Aboriginal Day since April 01, 1997. We encourage the GNWT to move toward reaffirming our traditions. Mahsi Cho.

Respectfully,

Jean Marie Broda  
Executive Director

cc: David Krutko, MLA, Mackenzie Delta  
DCI Board of Director's



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August 15, 2000

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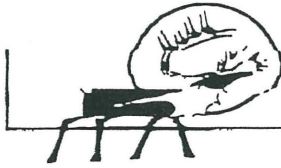
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August 15, 2000

Premier Steve Kakfwi, MLA  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
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Dear Premier Kakfwi:

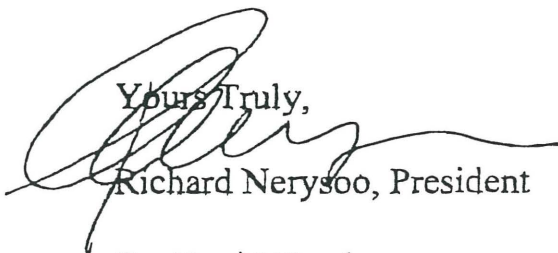
RE: Statutory Holiday: Aboriginal Day

I would like to provide my support to the suggestion that you consider establishing Aboriginal Day as a statutory holiday.

Aboriginal Day could continue to give the aboriginal peoples of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to present information on their people and communities. It would improve the opportunity of full participation by the people of the Northwest Territories in the events of celebration in every region and community through the NWT.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly,



Richard Nerysoo, President

Cc. David Krurko  
MLA Mackenzie Delta



July 7, 2000

Hon. David Krutko  
Member of Legislative Assembly  
Mackenzie-Delta  
P.O. Box 1320  
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2L9  
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Dear Mr. Krutko,

**National Aboriginal Day**

Please accept this letter as the Board of Directors of Yellowknife Metis Nation Local #66's support for and appreciation of your efforts to have National Aboriginal Day declared a statutory holiday by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

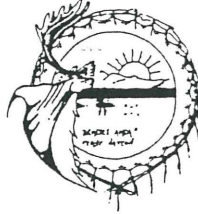
Indeed, approximately half the Northwest Territories' population is of Aboriginal ancestry and it, therefore, only makes sense that the Government of the NWT recognizes and celebrates the tremendous contribution Aboriginal people have made - in development of the North.

In closing, we look forward to the Government of the Northwest Territories declaring National Aboriginal Day a statutory holiday, as a consequence of your hard work.

Yours truly,

William A. Enge  
President





## BEHDZI AHDA FIRST NATION

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June 30, 2000

Stephen Kakfwi  
Premier/MLA for Sahtu  
Government of Northwest Territories  
Yellowknife, NT – X1A 2L9

Dear Mr. Kakfwi,

### Re: Statutory Holiday Declaration of Aboriginal Day

As per the statements made by the other MLA's in the Legislature, to declare Aboriginal Day a Statutory Holiday. I would like to support the initiative on behalf of the people of Colville Lake. By expressing the need to recognize a day for the Aboriginal people of the Western Arctic, and not to mention our ancestors who have worked very hard by carrying the foundation of our history into this decade and not being recognized for it in any way.

Like many Canadians we too have to declare a day for ourselves and not be caught up in the every day business and political world.

Mahsi" for your time and consideration.

Sincerely on behalf of the people of Colville Lake,

Richard Kochon  
Chief

Cc. David Krutko

MLA for Mackenzie Delta



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July 07, 2000

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Dear Mr. Krutko,

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT for National Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday.**

As per your letter Dated July 1, 2000, the Metis Heritage Association is in full support to have June 21, 2000, National Aboriginal Day, declared a statutory holiday.

Since 1996, June 21 of every year has been recognized and celebrated in Canada as National Aboriginal Day, a day supposedly set aside to honor the significant contributions made to Canadian society, by and for Aboriginal peoples, as well as for this great Nation.

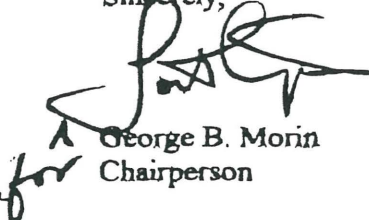
This day, although acknowledged and supported by the Territorial and federal government, has still not been marked as a statutory holiday. Yet, to this day National Aboriginal Day has not received that long in the waiting recognition it so well deserves, so that all people within the Northwest Territories can participate and enjoy.

Aboriginal people have and continue to make great contributions to the Northwest Territories for the betterment of Aboriginal people and the Territory as a whole.

The Metis Heritage Association, therefore, is requesting that the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, declare June 21, National Aboriginal Day, as a statutory holiday.

Any Questions or comments in regards to this issue can be directed to myself at the above noted numbers.

Sincerely,



George B. Morin  
Chairperson

Cc: Metis Heritage Association-NWT  
Board of Directors



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FROM:

Bill Erasmus ; Dene National Chief

Letter regarding  
"National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity"  
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July 7, 2000

Honourable Steve Kakfwi  
Premier  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Dear Premier Kakfwi:

**RE: NATIONAL DAY OF ABORIGINAL SOLIDARITY**

It is with great joy and enthusiasm, that the Dene Nation of Denendeh hears, that the current Members of the Government of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly wish to recognize the cultural and inter-Tribal significance of June 21 to Aboriginal Peoples of the Northwest Territories (Appendix A). If passed by the GNWT Legislative Assembly, the declaration of the **National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity** as a statutory holiday would be a triumph for all Peoples residing in Denendeh.

At the April 1982, Annual General Meeting of the Assembly of First Nations, held in Penticton, British Columbia, a motion was unanimously passed by the delegation of First Nation Chiefs to declare June 21 as a "**National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity**" for Indian people. The motion further states "June 21, is the longest day of the year and marks the changing of the seasons. It is also the time when the seeds of our future sustenance have been sown and grow in this land which is ours since time immemorial" (see 1982 Assembly of First Nations Motion # 39).

The 21<sup>st</sup> Dene National Assembly, held in Bell Rock, Denendeh, on July 29-August 5, 1991, in turn, unanimously declared "that June 21 shall be observed as a **National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity** in Denendeh and that all Dene Offices shall observe this day as a holiday" (see Dene National Assembly Motion # 91/96-007). Since that time, Dene First Nation and Tribal Governments have acknowledged the **National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity** as a statutory holiday.

For some time now, there has been some confusion by the general public over the titles "**National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity**" and "National Aboriginal Day." "National Aboriginal Day" is an Indian Affairs initiative to try to help celebrate the First Nations' declared



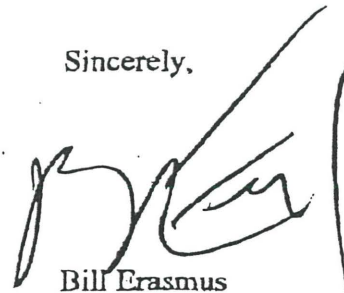
**"National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity."** The marketing of DIAND's National Aboriginal Day only helped confuse and undermine the importance of the Assembly of First Nations and all governing First Nations' declaration for June 21. In the past, the Dene Nation has tried to explain the difference to local event organizers (Appendix B).

It is hoped that the GNWT Legislative Assembly's motion will support the First Nations' declaration rather than the Indian Affairs version. If the GNWT Legislative Assembly passes a motion that supports the **"National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity"** as a statutory holiday, then we all win. Anything less or different would be rhetoric.

Good luck in your endeavours.

Should you require further explanation, please call our Yellowknife office and ask for the Dene National Chief or Executive Assistant, Joe Jack.

Sincerely,

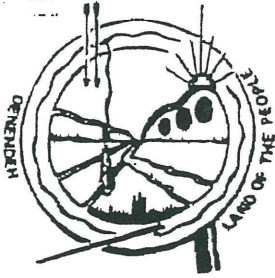


Bill Erasmus  
Dene National Chief

c. Chiefs of Denendeh  
Tribal Council Leaders  
Honourable Robert Nault

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PRESS RELEASE

**NATIONAL DAY OF ABORIGINAL SOLIDARITY**

**June 21, 2000 (Yellowknife)** - Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus is asking the People of Denendeh to acknowledge the National Aboriginal Solidarity Day as a time for reflection. "It is time to remember who we are as descendants of the Dene. It is time to reflect who we are as First Nation Peoples. We all have families. We are parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. We all play different roles in the larger community."

National Chief Erasmus emphasized that "teaching the language, maintaining traditional customs, values and laws, and living in harmony with the land, are all contributions that make up a Nation. In order for the Nation to survive, we must practice our own teachings."

"We must respect who we are and we must respect others. Our Treaties say that we must respect other peoples with different languages, customs, foods and lifestyles" reiterated the Dene National Chief.

The National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity was declared in Penticton, BC, in April 1982, by First Nation Chiefs at the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Meeting.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Dene National Assembly held in Bell Rock, Denendeh on July 29-August 5, 1991 supported the AFN Declaration by declaring June 21 as a National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity in Denendeh. All Dene Government offices are to observe this day as a holiday.

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For further information,  
please contact:

Bill Erasmus  
Dene National Chief  
(867)873-4081

Assembly of First Nations, ~~Vancouver~~, B.C.  
(April 1982)

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ACTION:

- (39) - MOTION: (Chief Ron Boissoneau, Garden River Band, Ontario,  
Chief Tom Esquega, Gull Bay Band, Ontario)

WHEREAS the Imperial Crown has betrayed a trust with the Indian Nations in Canada by unilaterally transferring Crown obligations to Indian Nations to the Federal Crown in Canada; and,

WHEREAS this act is seen by the Indian Nations in Canada as an act of cowardice in the face of pressure from a Canadian Government which wishes to dominate and control our land and our people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Indian people in Canada will no longer celebrate the birthday of the Queen Victoria, the symbol of British justice, on May 24; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in its place, we resolve that June 21, be declared a National Day of Solidarity for Indian people. June 21, is the longest day of the year and marks the changing of the seasons. It is also the time when the seeds of our future sustenance have been sown and grow in this land which is ours since time immemorial.

CARRIED

ACTION:

- 40 - MOTION: (Chief Bernard Ominayak, Chief Jim Gifoux)

WHEREAS the Lubicon Lake Band and Cree Community of Little Buffalo Lake have a land claim based on Treaty and Aboriginal Rights; and,

WHEREAS the Lubicon Lake Band and Cree Community of Little Buffalo Lake is currently being inundated by an influx of oil exploration and drilling activity on the land they have laid claim to; and,

WHEREAS the Lubicon Lake Band and Cree Community of Little Buffalo Lake have instituted legal proceedings against the Government of Canada in the Federal Court of Canada and against the Government of Alberta and several oil companies in the Alberta Courts; and,

WHEREAS the Band and other claimants have no funds to pursue their legitimate case; and,

Motion 91/96-007

21ST DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
BELL ROCK, DENENDEH  
JULY 29 - AUGUST 5, 1991

RE: NATIONAL DAY OF ABORIGINAL SOLIDARITY

WHEREAS the Assembly of First Nations has declared June 21 as a National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity as authorized in Motion #39 passed at Penticton, BC in April 1982.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dene Nation declares that June 21 shall be observed as a National Day of Aboriginal Solidarity in Denendeh and that all Dene offices shall observe this day as a holiday.

MOVED BY: CHIEF STAN SANGUEZ, JEAN MARIE RIVER

SECONDED BY: PHILIP LISKE, NDILO DELEGATE

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST 1991

CERTIFIED BY:



BILL ERASMUS  
DENE NATIONAL CHIEF



**DENE NATION**  
**DENENDEH NATIONAL OFFICE**

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March 13, 1998

Sarah Baker  
Indian & Inuit Services  
PO Box 2760  
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 1R6

**FAXED**

Dear Ms. Baker,

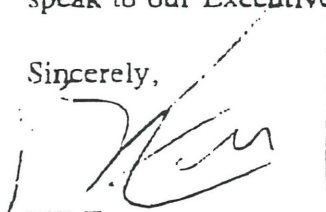
Thank you for providing our office with information concerning the upcoming events for "National Aboriginal Day", June 21st.

The Dene National Office has chosen to not participate in your committee's initiatives similar to last year because we celebrate "National Aboriginal Solidarity Day". This is a national first nations celebration stemming from the 1982 Assembly of First Nations declaration.

Our office has been in contact with the Assembly of First Nations to further clarify the difference between the Department of Indian Affairs initiatives on National Aboriginal Day and they too have confirmed that their office and membership celebrate different events. Although this is our position, communities of Denendeh can choose whether they want to participate your upcoming events. Should the Yellowknives Dene chose to participate, we encourage that you provide our portion of funding to them, because of their large membership and first nation population in the city of Yellowknife.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to call me at (867) 873-4081, or speak to our Executive Assistant, Shelly Anderson.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Erasmus  
Dene National Chief

cc. Chiefs of Denendeh  
Assembly of First Nations

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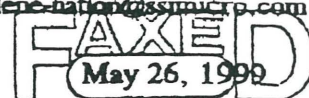




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Karen Wright-Fraser  
Coordinator, National Aboriginal Day Celebration  
YELLOWKNIFE, NT

Dear Karen,

I understand you have been in contact with the Dene National Office recently to obtain information for this year's National Aboriginal Day Celebrations and to provide notice that you will be inviting me to speak this year at the Yellowknife Ceremonial Circle for the same events.

Over the years The Dene National Office has chosen to not participate in "National Aboriginal Day" initiatives because we celebrate "National Aboriginal Solidarity Day". This is a national first nations celebration stemming from the 1982 Assembly of First Nations declaration.

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June 30, 2000


Premier Steven Kakfwi  
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**Re: Declaration of Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday**

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We believe that aboriginal people should be honored and given the opportunity to celebrate their traditions and culture on this special day, Aboriginal Day.

Once again, the Fort Simpson Metis Nation Local 52 hereby fully supports all initiatives of Declaring June 21<sup>st</sup>, Aboriginal Day, as a Statutory Holiday.

*for*   
Albertine Rodh  
President  
Metis Nation Local 52

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Date: June 30, 2000

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FROM:

Name: Lisa Lafferty

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COMMENTS:

Letter of support to declare  
Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday

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July 4, 2000

**Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Premier**  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
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Fax # (867) 920- 4735

Honourable Premier Kakfwi:

**Re: Support to declare Aboriginal Day, June 21 as a statutory holiday.**

The Hamlet of Paulatuk supports declaring June 21, Aboriginal Day, as a statutory holiday. Being a Community with a very high percentage of Inuvialuit, we feel very strongly that our First Nations peoples should be recognized by the Government of the Northwest Territories. We, as a Hamlet, have taken our own initiative on this and have already recognized declaring June 21 as a holiday in our Community for our Hamlet employees. This year for the first time, our Hamlet employees have taken the day off from work to recognize our own peoples, and our own culture. This is very important to the Community. We have recognized this in our Employment By- Law that was very recently passed by the Hamlet Council. Yes, we as a Community believe that June 21, Aboriginal Day should be recognized as a statutory holiday.

Thank you for your attention to this letter of support on this initiative and we look forward to hearing from the Government of the Northwest Territories on this very important initiative in recognition of our First Nations peoples.

Signed,



Keith Dodge, Mayor



Hamlet of Paulatuk

- cc. David Krutko, MLA Mackenzie Delta
- cc. Vince Steen, MLA Nunakput
- cc. Paulatuk Community Corporation





**INUVIK**

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*Office of the Mayor*

July 4, 2000

Mr. David Krutko  
MLA, Mackenzie Delta  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
Legislative Assembly  
Box 1320  
Yellowknife NT X0E 0T0

Dear Mr. Krutko:

re: DECLARATION OF NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY AS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your initiative to have National Aboriginal Day declared as a statutory holiday.

The Town of Inuvik has proclaimed National Aboriginal Day for the past three (3) years. In addition, our Recreation Department and local aboriginal groups have worked planning various events in celebration of the occasion.

We would like to take this opportunity to lend our full support to this initiative.

Sincerely,

George Roach  
Mayor

GVR/sfs

c Honourable Roger Allen, MLA ~ Inuvik - Twin Lakes  
Floyd Roland, MLA ~ Inuvik - Boot Lake





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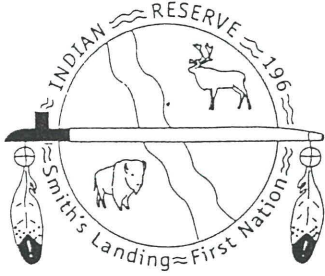
**Re: Aboriginal Day**

The Tetlit Gwich'in and Elders Council of Fort McPherson are in full support of having June 21 as a statutory holiday.

We believe that there are many holidays brought upon us and it is time we declare a holiday for all Aboriginal Groups across the Northwest Territories.

Thank-you for your understanding & consideration

  
Chief, Abe Wilson  
Tetlit Gwich'in Council



# Smith's Landing First Nation

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November 08, 2000

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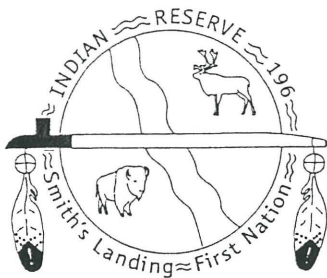
## DECLARATION OF ABORIGINAL DAY AS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

Smith's Landing First Nation, Chief and Council and its membership support the proposed holiday of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000 as a statutory holiday that would increase the awareness of our culture.

Yours truly,

Fred Daniels  
Chief, Smith's Landing First Nation

cc Premier Stephen Kakfwi



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