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July 4, 2000

Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Premier
Government of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, N.T. X1A 2L9
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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

SJS
Hamlet of Paulatuk

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



Metis Nation Local #52

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June 30, 2000


Premier Steven Kakfwi
Government of the Northwest Territories
P.O. Box 1320
Yellowknife, NT
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Re: Declaration of Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday

The Fort Simpson Metis Nation Local 52 hereby fully supports all initiatives of Declaring June 21st, Aboriginal Day, as a Statutory Holiday.

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

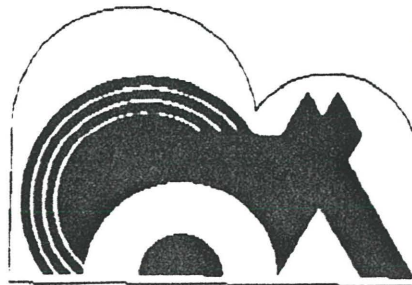
Once again, the Fort Simpson Metis Nation Local 52 hereby fully supports all initiatives of Declaring June 21st, Aboriginal Day, as a Statutory Holiday.

for 
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President
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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
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June 30, 2000

The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Premier
Office of the Premier
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Dear Premier Kakfwi:

Declaration of Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday

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



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June 29, 2000

Steve Kakfwi
Premier
Government of NWT
Yellowknife, NT

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