



PROCLAMATION

Indigenous Survivors Day – National Blanket Ceremony Day

- WHEREAS** *Indigenous Peoples in Canada have endured many historical injustices resulting from colonization and forced assimilation; and*
- WHEREAS** *the City of Duncan recognizes the resilience and strength of all Indigenous survivors who were forcibly removed from their homes, families, and communities under the mandate of colonial programs and initiatives; and*
- WHEREAS** *the observance of June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day – National Blanket Ceremony Day creates a platform for raising awareness and fostering understanding through education and dialogue as well as advocating for reconciliation and healing for Indigenous survivors, their families, and communities; and*
- WHEREAS** *Indigenous Survivors Day – National Blanket Ceremony Day is a solemn reminder of the ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous survivors and their communities and highlights the importance of supporting Indigenous cultural heritage as well as a more inclusive and equitable city;*
- NOW, THEREFORE I,** *Mayor Michelle Staples of the City of Duncan, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2025 as “Indigenous Survivors Day – National Blanket Ceremony Day” in the City of Duncan.*

Dated this 12th day of May, 2025.

Michelle Staples, Mayor