



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS November 16th is recognized as Louis Riel Day a National Métis holiday commemorating the execution of Louis Riel in 1885. Riel was a Métis leader, the founder of Manitoba, and a significant figure in the Red River and Northwest Resistance. The resistance was an opposition to the Government of Canada for encroaching on Métis rights and way-of-life. The Métis were defeated at the siege of Batoche, Riel was captured, and eventually found guilty of treason and executed. On February 19, 2024 The Louis Riel Act formally recognized Louis Riel as Manitoba's first premier; and

WHEREAS Throughout history, Métis citizens have made significant contributions to the development and success of Canada and the Red Deer area. The Métis culture is rich in spiritual beliefs and colourful traditions and is an integral part of Red Deer's multicultural character.

NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, do hereby proclaim November 16th as Louis Riel Day in Red Deer. I encourage Red Deerians to find opportunities throughout the year to learn, experience, and understand the important history and contributions Métis people have given our City, Province and Country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of The City of Red Deer to be affixed.


Mayor Ken Johnston
City of Red Deer

