

## **PROCLAMATION**

## National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21, 2023

WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls acknowledges the rich culture, heritage and achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples in Canada; and

WHEREAS National Indigenous Peoples Day is a day recognizing and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Indigenous peoples of Canada; and

WHEREAS 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; and

WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls is home to a strong Indigenous community and would like to acknowledge their continued contributions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Shawn Pankow, Mayor of the Town of Smiths Falls, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2023, as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the Town of Smiths Falls.

June 21, 2023

Shawn Pankow, Mayor