

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY



PROCLAMATION

MÉTIS WEEK

- WHEREAS* The Métis people and their descendants have significantly contributed to the exploration, growth and development of Canada; and
- WHEREAS* The Métis people are recognized under section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982 as one of Canada's distinct Aboriginal peoples; and
- WHEREAS* The Métis culture, rich in spiritual beliefs and colourful traditions, is an integral part of British Columbia's multicultural character; and
- WHEREAS* Louis Riel was a humanitarian and an advocate for the Métis people and one of the Métis people's foremost historic leaders who strove for justice and the rights of the Métis people as Manitoba joined Confederation; and
- WHEREAS* November 16th is an important and symbolic date recognized by Métis people across British Columbia each year in commemoration of the death of Louis Riel on that day in 1885; and
- NOW THEREFORE* I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim November 16th – 21st, 2021 as "**MÉTIS WEEK**", to honour the culture and history of the Métis people and Louis Riel's place in Canadian history.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Wells', is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Bob Wells