



## **Press Release**

### **Have a Happy and Safe National Indigenous Peoples Day**

June 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 (Ottawa, ON) – The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) wishes to share our hopes this year for everyone to have a happy and safe National Indigenous Peoples Day.

“This holiday is a chance for all Indigenous people in Canada to take the time to reconnect and reflect on their roots and history” said CAP National Chief Robert Bertrand. “Especially today, it is a time for remembering the proud history of survival, grit and community that all Indigenous peoples share.”

Across Canada, in-person celebratory events have been cancelled or moved online. We urge everyone to follow social distancing guidelines in your region while celebrating Indigenous culture and heritage in their own way. Online resources have been made available for Indigenous History Month that can serve as inspiration for your family:

- <https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/11-ways-to-virtually-celebrate-national-indigenous-peoples-day>
- <https://www.richmond-news.com/community/richmond-celebrates-national-indigenous-peoples-day-with-virtual-events-1.24154321>
- <https://www.historymuseum.ca/gwichin/>
- <http://www.abo-peoples.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Trousse-de-reconciliation-pour-dirigeants-d-entreprise.pdf>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/documentaries/short-docs/celebrate-indigenous-storytellers-all-month-long-1.5609763?cmp=rss>

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