



PROCLAMATION

Métis Week

WHEREAS *The Métis are a distinct Indigenous people with a unique history, culture, language, and way of life and are one of three recognized Indigenous peoples in Canada, along with First Nations and Inuit; and*

WHEREAS *The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action directly reference ways to address the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation for Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis); and*

WHEREAS *November 16th acknowledges the importance of Louis Riel (1844-85) as a political leader and advocate of justice for the Métis people, who continue to strive for rights and recognition to this day;*

NOW THEREFORE *I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, hereby proclaim November 12th to November 18th, 2023 as "Métis Week" in Courtenay, BC.*

Mayor Bob Wells