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### **NDP delays Mayer's resolution for National Indigenous Peoples Day**

*Our PC government recognizes the need for reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis: Mayer*

The opposition NDP today delayed a proposed private member's resolution by Colleen Mayer, MLA for St. Vital, which would have seen the Legislative Assembly recognize the annual National Indigenous Peoples Day by celebrating the contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Mayer's proposed resolution would also have seen the Legislative Assembly reaffirm a commitment to reconciliation with the communities of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Manitoba. The NDP members' delay prevented Mayer's proposed resolution from coming to a vote, so it will not pass in time for National Indigenous Peoples Day on Thursday.

"Our Progressive Conservative government recognizes that Indigenous knowledge, art and culture have helped to shape the province of Manitoba, and that Manitobans need to continue working toward reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples," said Mayer. "We are committed to cultivating a relationship of respect and reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. National Indigenous Peoples Day is an important opportunity to reaffirm this commitment."

National Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated across Canada every year on June 21, and recognizes First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and their contributions to the country. This annual day also serves to honour and celebrate the many success stories of Indigenous Canadians.

The June 21 celebration, as well, presents a unique opportunity to cultivate a better understanding of Indigenous history for all Canadians. For example, National Indigenous Peoples Day requires Canadians to acknowledge historical injustices such as residential schools. It also provides a chance to improve intercultural understanding and to create unity in Manitoba. Our government recognizes that First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples were partners in the founding of our province.

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