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Recognize and celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21 at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

EDMONTON, AB – June 12, 2024 – On June 21, TELUS World of Science – Edmonton will recognize and celebrate the cultures and worldviews of Indigenous Peoples who would traditionally steward the lands of amiskwaciy-wâskahikan, Beaver Hills House (Edmonton), as well as those who make this place their contemporary home through a variety of community experiences.

To celebrate the day, TELUS World of Science—Edmonton will offer various experiences indoors and outdoors, including a free barbeque lunch, which will be open to the public. The centre will also provide free Science Centre General Admission for Indigenous guests on June 21.

“National Indigenous Peoples Day is an opportunity to celebrate the wisdom, knowledge, and worldviews of Indigenous Peoples,” said Constance Scarlett, President & CEO of TELUS World of Science – Edmonton. “We are honoured to celebrate the diverse vibrant cultures and enduring traditions of Indigenous Peoples to foster deeper connections, mutual respect, and understanding within our community.”

The day's festivities begin with a tipi raising, providing an immersive experience of traditional skills and knowledge. This is followed by the lighting of the Qulliq with Elder Myna, a ceremony of welcoming featuring the traditional oil lamp used within Arctic communities.

Throughout the day, guests can explore the Indigenous Vendors Market in the Science Centre lobby, which will offer authentic handcrafted items. The IMAX Theatre will be showing *CBQM*, a documentary that pays tribute to a radio station based north of the Arctic Circle, as well as the documentary *Great Bear Rainforest*. Free film tickets will be available on June 21 at the Box Office while supplies last, first come, first served.

The Science Centre's galleries will host interactive activities for all ages that weave together Indigenous Traditional Knowledge and Western Science in collaboration with community members, such as Dusty LaGrande of fashion brand M.o.b.i.l.i.z.e. with silk-screening workshops throughout the day in *The Science Garage*, Leslie Ross sharing sky teachings in the *S.P.A.C.E. Gallery*, and Edmonton Area Land Trust in *The Nature Exchange*. These opportunities will also extend to the outdoor spaces, where community partners such as IndigeSTEAM will engage guests with robotics programming.

The Zeidler Dome will feature Robin Cisek, Best Emerging Artist at the 2022 Indigenous Super Stars Music Awards, and multi-nominated singer-songwriter Leanne Goose as well as planetarium shows that feature Indigenous Knowledge of the night sky.

An outdoor stage will feature a lineup of free performances by renowned Indigenous artists. Highlights include Juno-nominated Cree musician Cikwes, Indigenous drummer Dezmond Morningchild, Inuit throat singers Jana Angulalik and Brenda Stevenson, Métis jigger Aurora Leddy, and hoop dancer Dallas Arcand. Rising Thunder Tourism will raise tipis and facilitate Indigenous teachings, performances, and experiences outdoors.

For more information, please visit: www.twose.ca/NIPD

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