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## **National Aboriginal Day becomes a statutory holiday in Yukon**

Today, the Government of Yukon's Bill 2 to amend the *Employment Standards Act* was passed after third reading of the *National Aboriginal Day Act* and assented to by the Commissioner of Yukon Doug Phillips.

The legislation creates National Aboriginal Day as an annual statutory holiday in Yukon beginning on June 21, 2017.

### **Quotes**

"The Government of Yukon firmly believes that recognizing National Aboriginal Day as a statutory holiday is a progressive step in our territory. By creating a statutory holiday on June 21, we are enabling all Yukoners to celebrate Indigenous peoples' history, culture, traditions and continuing contributions across Canada and here at home. This is key to a modern Yukon that can build on its strengths of diversity and inclusivity."

"The government received overwhelming support from Yukoners who responded to a survey last year in favour of making National Aboriginal Day a statutory holiday in Yukon. I am very pleased that we have achieved this goal together."

—*Minister of Community Services John Streicker*

### **Learn more:** Statutory holidays in Yukon

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