

Proclamation

Louis Riel Day

November 16, 2024

- **WHEREAS** the Métis people and their descendants have significantly contributed to the exploration, growth and development of Canada; and
- **WHEREAS** the Métis people are recognized under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 as one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada; and
- WHEREAS Louis Riel was a humanitarian, an advocate for Métis people and one of the Métis Nation's foremost historic leaders who strove for justice and broad minority rights as Manitoba joined confederation; and
- WHEREAS November 16 is an important and symbolic date recognized by Métis people across British Columbia each year in commemoration of the death of Louis Riel on November 16, 1885; and
- WHEREAS the City of Surrey honours Métis history and culture, Louis Riel's place in Canadian history, and the City's valued relationship with the Métis Nation in British Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2024, as "Louis Riel Day" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke City of Surrey