

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Emergency & Community Services Committee: June 6, 2016

MOVED BY (Councillor Aidan Johnson).....

SECONDED BY:

2016 National Aboriginal Awareness & Celebrations

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada on May 10th, 2016, formally adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

WHEREAS, The 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada report contained 94 Calls to Action, many of which speak to the importance of recognizing, appreciating and promoting Canada's indigenous cultures.

WHEREAS, The 25-year Our Future Hamilton Community Vision adopted by City Council in February 2016 specifically contained, as one of its key directions, to "Recognize and celebrate indigenous traditions".

WHEREAS, The City of Hamilton has formally constituted the Hamilton Aboriginal Advisory Committee, which demonstrates the commitment of the City to understanding and supporting Aboriginal issues in Hamilton.

WHEREAS, Canada celebrates National Aboriginal History Month in June of every year to honour the heritage, contributions and cultures of First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities across the country,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That City Council support the Intergenerational Trauma Awareness Campaign launch on June 30th, taking place at Hamilton City Hall, aimed at disseminating information, describing impacts and educating the general public about the intergenerational trauma caused by the Canadian Indian Residential School System.