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Thank you Indigenous People's Day planning committee members for providing this opportunity to join with you in understanding Indigenous history and to celebrate the resilience and strength of Indigenous peoples.

Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is committed to collaborate in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in the spirit of reconciliation as a way forward and away from the tragedies in our history. We recognize the harms and mistakes of our past as a means of expressing remorse and as a reminder so we can ensure they will never be repeated.

We commend the Red River Métis Local, Selkirk Friendship Centre, Selkirk and District Foundation, Frontier College, Louis Riel Institute, and the Manitoba Métis Federation for coming together to host a virtual celebration. This is an opportunity to shed light on darkness and to highlight what we all have to gain through First Nations, Métis and Inuit traditions and stories and to celebrating the people who have endured and who continue to contribute to the rich cultural fabric of this province and country.

We wish you every success with the celebratory events you are planning!

Regards,

Dr. David Matear  
Chief Executive Officer

*Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority delivers health-care services on First Nation Treaty Territories 1, 2, 3 and 5 and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect that First Nations treaties were made on these territories, acknowledge harms and mistakes, and we dedicate ourselves to collaborate in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in the spirit of reconciliation.*