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MAYOR BARKER RECOGNIZES NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

KAGAWONG, ON: Mayor Bryan Barker issued the following statement recognizing June as National Indigenous History month at the June 6, 2023 Council Meeting:

June marks the start of National Indigenous history month with June 21 being National Indigenous Peoples Day – we are reminded that the Township of Billings is situated on treaty land that is steeped in the rich Indigenous history of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi peoples.

Mnidoo Mnising/Manitoulin Island is sacred to the Anishinaabe people and the stewardship of the land and water that surrounds us. It is the thing that binds us. Today and always the Township of Billings acknowledges the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCMM) on whose traditional territories outlined by the 1862 Manitoulin Island Treaties and the unseeded territory of Wiikwemkoong which, make up the land that is called Manitoulin Island and where we all call home.

May we continue our commitment to shared values, respect, positive relationships and our and in our commitment to protect and preserve our shared natural assets and be led by the principles outlined in the 1990 Friendship Treaty, Maamwi Naadmaading Accord. Miigwech

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