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## Community Groups from Across Newfoundland to Share in Virtual National Indigenous Peoples Day

May 12, 2020 Corner Brook—The Qalipu First Nation is pleased to share that together with community groups from across the territory, it will host a full day of virtual content to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day. Throughout communities, June 21 celebrations have been a day of social gathering; from sunrise to sundown people have come together to share in the special day. This year, social gatherings are restricted, but the celebration will carry on.

Tara Saunders, Acting Director for the Community Development, noted that about a dozen groups are working together to bring something special to people who will be missing out on this important social gathering this year.

Saunders said, “We have Indigenous women’s groups from St. John’s to St. George’s, local Indian Bands from Exploits, Bay of Islands, the North Shore and Bay St. George, the People of the Dawn Indigenous Friendship Centre and individuals as well, all coming together to plan a special day for our communities. Everyone involved is planning on developing and sharing their video content that will include storytelling, music, teachings and sharing of all kinds. We’re excited about this opportunity to work together and create a memorable Indigenous Peoples Day despite the pandemic restrictions currently in place.”

The Band will develop some content, provide video development support to community groups as needed, and will also take on the role of organizing content so that videos are streaming throughout the day, both on the Bands Facebook Page and the pages of other groups, without any overlap.

Nicole Travers, Cultural Resource Coordinator for the Band and liaison with the Cultural Foundation, notes that she has cast her net wide trying to reach everyone and ensure that the day is inclusive of all those who would like to be involved.

“There are a lot of people at the table. We have met a couple of times now and we are hopeful that more of our community leaders and knowledge carriers will come together to make this day truly memorable. Not just for the content we create, but also the beauty of working together for all our relations. I think is something truly unique and special this year.”

To join in the shared celebration, individuals and community groups are encouraged to contact Nicole at [ntravers@qalipu.ca](mailto:ntravers@qalipu.ca)