

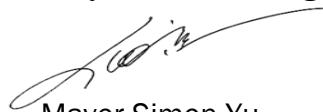


# Proclamation

## SPIRIT BEAR DAY

- Whereas:* Spirit Bear (Sus Zul in the Carrier language) was born on May 10, 2007, in the Huckleberry patches in the Carrier Sekani region of North Central British Columbia near Prince George, on the unceded traditional territory of Lheidli T'enneh First Nation; and
- Whereas:* Spirit Bear is a Reconciliation Ambearrister who represents the over 165,000 First Nations children impacted by the landmark *Caring Society et al v. Attorney General of Canada* human rights case to uphold Jordan's Principle and address longstanding discrimination in federally funded First Nations child welfare; and
- Whereas:* Spirit Bear also represents the thousands of other children who stand respectfully with First Nations children to support reconciliation and equity; and
- Whereas:* Spirit Bear honours the right of children to express their views and to have those views considered and taken seriously, consistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
- Whereas:* Spirit Bear is committed to engaging children in ways that respect the rich histories, cultures, languages, and contributions of First Nations across Canada; and
- Whereas:* Spirit Bear will keep working until all First Nations children have a fair chance to grow up safely with their families, get a good education, and be proud of who they are; and
- Whereas:* Spirit Bear Day celebrates the inspiring reconciliations of children and affirms the responsibility of all of us to end inequities in First Nations children's services.

Now therefore, as Mayor of the City of Prince George,  
I proclaim **September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024** as:  
**"SPIRIT BEAR DAY"**  
in the City of Prince George.

  
Mayor Simon Yu  
City of Prince George