



## *Boozhoo Kina Weya! Greetings All!*

The Anishinabek Nation is celebrating Anishinaabe Giizhigad on June 6 to honour our past, present, and future.

By celebrating Anishinaabe Giizhigad in honour of our past, present, and future, we are also honouring the legacy of Head Getzit Shiikenh, Gordon Waindubence-baa, who worked tirelessly to strengthen the Anishinabek Nation and always encouraged us to rely on our Anishinaabe traditions and knowledge in order to ensure a brighter future, an Anishinaabe future, for our children.

Our greatest strength is our Anishinaabe ways: our language, culture, history, and traditions. We have much to celebrate!

I encourage each First Nation to acknowledge and celebrate June 6 in some way in your communities. This is our inaugural Anishinaabe Giizhigad.

We had hoped to have a large gathering as was envisioned 10 years ago. Because of the ongoing pandemic, we are unable to hold the large Gathering of the Clans envisioned by our past Head Getzit Shiikenh-baa. We hope to have a large central gathering next year that will bring our clans and families together from all across Anishinabek Territory.

This year, with the guidance of Head Getzit Richard Assinewai, the Leadership Council, Nation Councils and Commissioners will attend a celebration at the Anishinabek Nation Head Office to commemorate the day. Unfortunately, numbers must be limited, as we need to be mindful of the pandemic and safety restrictions.

We will be providing live streaming of the main events held at the Anishinabek Nation head office.

Our Creation Story, as told by Head Getzit Richard Assinewai, and the Recital of the Wampum Belts, by Dr. Alan Ojig Corbiere, will be live streamed so all may join in to commemorate the day with Anishinaabe teachings, culture and history. A schedule of the June 6 live stream events is forthcoming.

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