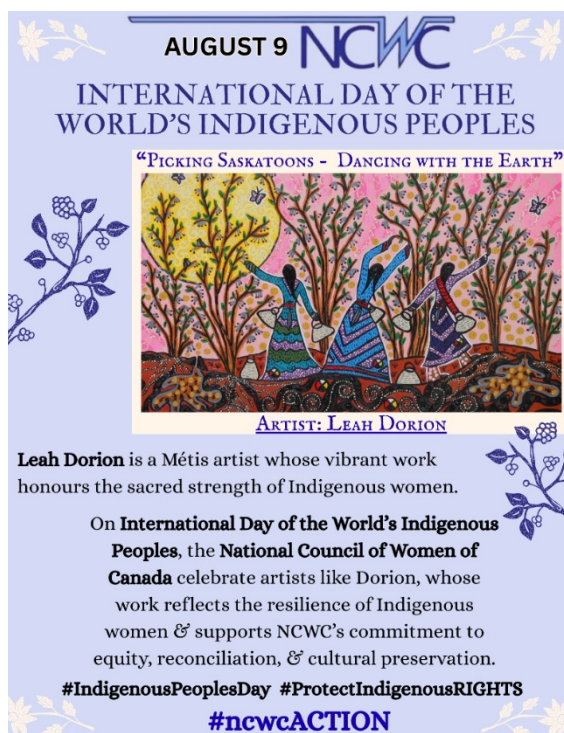


The National Council of Women of Canada marks the **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** by recognizing the resilience, knowledge, and key contributions of Indigenous communities throughout Canada and around the world. We affirm our commitment to advancing reconciliation, building respectful partnerships, and supporting the well-being and rights of Indigenous Peoples through ongoing action and advocacy.



We are grateful to **Leah Dorion**, who has given us permission to feature her beautiful artwork.

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*Each year, on the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, we honour the approximately 476 million Indigenous voices across the globe and reaffirm our commitment to protecting their rights, traditions and ways of life in an ever-evolving world. Today, Indigenous Peoples worldwide are using artificial intelligence (AI) and digital technologies to map territories, document languages, monitor the effects of climate disruption and create new forms of cultural expression. This year's celebration is being held under the theme of **"Indigenous Peoples and AI: Defending Rights, Shaping Futures"** – focusing on both the promises and perils of artificial intelligence and digital technologies, while highlighting the need to ensure that these tools support Indigenous Peoples' ways of life and rights to self-determination in the digital age.*