



RESOLUTION

100th Commemoration of Davis Day

WHEREAS:

on June 11, 1925, coal miner William Davis was killed in a confrontation with coal company police at Waterford Lake, sparking a legacy of remembrance and solidarity among coal mining communities; and

WHEREAS:

Davis Day, also known as Miners' Memorial Day, has been observed annually on June 11th by former coal mining towns across Nova Scotia as a solemn occasion to honour the sacrifices, struggles, and enduring spirit of miners and their families; and

WHEREAS:

the year 2025 marks the **100th anniversary** of the tragic events in New Waterford, a centennial occasion to remember the deep contributions of coal miners to Cape Breton's economic, social, and cultural identity; and

WHEREAS:

the 100th anniversary of Davis's death provides an opportunity to reflect on our shared heritage, recognize the contributions of coal miners to the development of Cape Breton, and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in pursuit of dignity and justice in the workplace; and

WHEREAS:

the legacy of William Davis and the labour movement he helped to shape remain deeply embedded in the identity, values, and resilience of the people of Cape Breton.

**THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED:**

that Mayor Cecil P. Clarke and Council of the **Cape Breton Regional Municipality** do hereby recognize **June 11, 2025**, as a **day of remembrance** of the sacrifice William Davis made, 100 years ago today, for workers everywhere and the legacy this tragedy carries to this day.

Councillor Darren O'Quinn - CBRM District #11

June 10, 2025