



Town of Arnprior

Proclamation

September 29, 2018 as:
***Madawaska Lodge No. 196,
150th Anniversary***

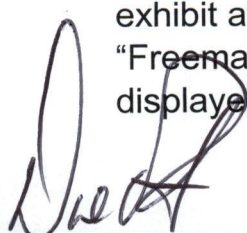
Whereas: Shriners, or Shrine Masons, belong to the Ancient Arabic of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America (AAONMS), which is an international fraternity, known as Freemasonry, of approximately 600,000 members; and

Whereas: The Freemasonry is the oldest, largest and most widely known fraternity in the world, dating back hundreds of years to when stone masons and other craftsmen gathered in shelter houses or lodges, with a desire to be fraternal brothers; and

Whereas: A small band of Masons in the Village of Arnprior, took it upon themselves to establish the Madawaska Lodge No. 196 on September 29, 1868; and

Whereas: The members of the Town of Arnprior Madawaska Lodge No. 196 will be hosting a 150th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 29, 2018.

Therefore: I, David Reid, Mayor of Arnprior, do hereby proclaim **September 29, 2018 as "Madawaska Lodge No. 196, 150th Anniversary"** in the Town of Arnprior, and encourage our citizens to make an effort to learn more about the Shrine Masons, who belong to the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America (AAONMS). In addition, to visit the exhibit at the Arnprior & District Museum titled "Freemasonry – A History Hidden in Plain Site" displayed from September 10th to October 26th, 2018.



Mayor David Reid, Town of Arnprior

September 10, 2018
Dated