



HALTON REGION

NOTICE OF MOTION

DATE: September 15, 2021

ITEM: Recognition of September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day)

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TO BE CONSIDERED: Council Meeting – September 15, 2021

MOVED BY: Councillor Colin Best
SECONDED BY: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of Residential Schools and advance the process of Truth and Reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves of Indigenous children across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in Truth and Reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action called upon the Federal Government, in collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of the Indian Residential School System remains a vital component of the Truth and Reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS on June 16, 2021, Regional Council passed a resolution endorsing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and Calls to Action, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as the establishment of a Halton Indigenous Advisory Group to move forward in building and fostering reciprocal relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on cultural understanding, empathy and respect;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Regional Council recognize September 30, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day);

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, Credit River Métis Council, Grand River Métis Council, Tungasuvvingat Inuit, Woodland Cultural Centre, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, the Honourable Marc Miller, Federal Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, the Honourable Greg Rickford, Provincial Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Halton MP's and MPP's, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation for their information.