



**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.:

Title: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Date: September 20, 2021

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor W. Farrow-Reed

Item No.

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 Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;

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

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission 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 residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills, of the Region of Halton does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th,

2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council, Credit River Métis Council, The Nation Huronne-Wendat, 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, MP for Wellington-Halton Hills, the Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP for Wellington – Halton Hills, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Region of Halton, and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation for their information.

Mayor Rick Bonnette