

PROCLAMATION

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30

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 in Canada and advance the process of reconciliation; and

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

WHEREAS, This year marks the third annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, during which we recognize the ongoing trauma caused by residential schools, remember those who were lost, and honour the survivors; and

WHEREAS, The date coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which began in 2013 has become a symbol of remembrance to honour Indigenous children forced to leave their families to attend residential schools; and

WHEREAS, This day will provide a way for our community to publicly commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and the resilience of residential school survivors, commemoration being a vital component of the reconciliation process; and

WHEREAS, Prince Edward County is a community that encourages and celebrates its cultural diversity,

THEREFORE, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of the County of Prince Edward do hereby recognize September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and encourage all members of the community to educate themselves about the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

Mayor Steve Ferguson
DATED at Picton this 22nd day of September 2026