

NCWC STATEMENT:

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Sept 30th



On September 30, the National Council of Women of Canada honours the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—a day marking the legacy of lasting harm caused to Indigenous children, families, and communities by Canada’s Indian residential school system. We remember and recognize the children who never returned home, survivors of residential schools, and all those deeply affected by a system whose impacts are intergenerational.

This day is a solemn reminder of the profound injustice inflicted upon Indigenous Peoples, and it is an opportunity for all Canadians to reaffirm their commitment to the [94 calls to action](#) outlined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2015.

September 30 also coincides with [Orange Shirt Day](#), initiated by Phyllis Webstad—founder of the Orange Shirt Society and residential school survivor—whose story reminds us that “Every Child Matters.”

NCWC reaffirms our commitment to the work of truth, justice, and reconciliation. We urge all Canadians to reflect, listen, and take meaningful action in partnership with Indigenous communities, standing together in remembrance, respect, and pursuit of a more just future for all.

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