

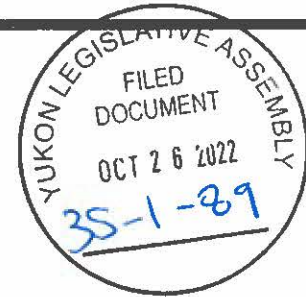


TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

October 25, 2022

Annie Blake,
MLA for Vuntut Gwitchin
Yukon Legislative Assembly



Dear Ms. Blake:

Re: Bill-305, Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday

Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) is pleased to support Bill-305 to declare National Day for Truth and Reconciliation a statutory holiday in the Yukon.

Making September 30th a statutory holiday designated for Truth and Reconciliation for all sectors in the Yukon would allow all Yukoners to collectively acknowledge the legacy of the Residential School system, and to honour survivors, their nations, and the children who did not get to return home.

This holiday will also create an opportunity to educate Yukoners about our shared Yukon First Nation history and the work that needs to be taken on reconciliation. We do not want this to be just 'another' holiday for everyone. We would like the Yukon Government to review the 80 recommendations that came from the Truth and Reconciliation paper and choose one or more recommendations each year to implement effectively towards achieving the outcomes of those recommendations.

We would also like to see 'Every Child Matters' flag to be hosted on this day to remind us the importance of it.

Furthermore, we are in support of the Yukon NDP's calls to provide funding for community initiatives, so that all communities and nations across our territory are able to honour this day in a meaningful way.

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Eric Morris
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Teslin Tlingit Council

