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October 18, 2022  
Annie Blake,  
MLA for Vuntut Gwitchin  
Yukon Legislative Assembly

Dear Ms. Blake:

**Re: Bill-305, Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday**

The Ross River Dena Council is pleased to support Bill-305 to declare National Day for Truth and Reconciliation a statutory holiday in the Yukon.

Making September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 history and the work that needs to be taken on reconciliation.

We are also 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.

Sincerely,

Ross River Dena Council  
Deputy Chief- Verna Nukon

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