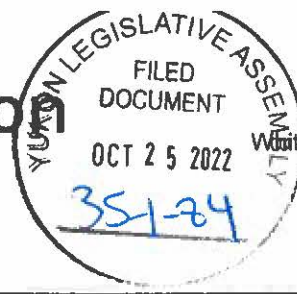




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Annie Blake
MLA for Vuntut Gwitchin
Yukon Legislative Assembly

Dear Ms. Blake:

Re: Bill-305, Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday

The Council of Yukon First Nations 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 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.

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Peter Johnston
Grand Chief