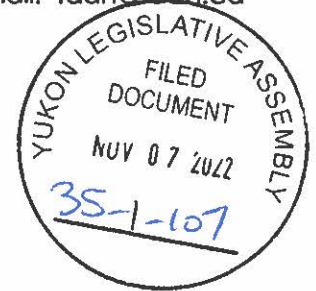




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November 4, 2022

Kate White,
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Dear Ms. White,

RE: National Truth and Reconciliation Day Statutory Holiday

In response to your letter, dated November October 5th, 2022, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council would like to express our support of officially declaring September 30th, National Truth and Reconciliation Day, as a statutory holiday in the Yukon.

As a First Nation Government, we have chosen to follow the federal holiday, but see a greater benefit for all Yukoners to have it recognized as statutory. This day is an important opportunity for not only acknowledging the colonial impacts and tumultuous history on Yukon First Nations but is a day for Yukoners to be able to come together, learn, and share about Yukon First Nation culture, history, and traditional practices. This day can be used for healing and building community.

In addition, we want to make certain that sufficient resources are allocated throughout the territory to ensure that events and activities focused on education, healing, gathering, and cultural practices can take place.

Shäw nithän.
Sincerely,

Deputy Chief Kristina Kane

Cc: Premier Sandy Silver, Yukon Government
Currie Dixon, Leader Yukon Party