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**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021 to honour residential school survivors and raise awareness about the terrible legacy of residential schools in Canada. All government offices and entities will be closed for the day.

Municipalities are not required to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation but may wish to consider doing so this year. The Province will undertake a review of how this day for reflection will be adopted next year on a province-wide basis.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada considers this recognition as an important symbol in the reconciliation process, with Call to Action No. 80 explicitly calling upon "the Federal Government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process."

Additional information on Truth and Reconciliation can be found by visiting the website of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (<https://nctr.ca/about/history-of-the-trc/trc-website/>)

The Provincial Government encourages everyone to take time to learn about residential schools and reflect on the histories and cultures of Indigenous peoples.



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