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**STATEMENT FROM MTI CHIEFS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK'S OBSERVANCE
OF NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY**

September 30th is a day specifically set aside for individuals to remember and honour the victims and survivors of residential schools. This includes children from New Brunswick First Nations who attended the Sussex Vale School, and the Shubenacadie Residential school. We also remember those who attended Indian Day Schools in the Province.

By granting this holiday, the Government of New Brunswick is giving New Brunswickers an opportunity to reflect on how we can learn from each other and work together as Treaty partners.

It's no secret our relationship with the Higgs government has been strained. Recognizing this holiday does not reconcile issues or differences with the Higgs government but it is a step in the right direction.