



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia, guided by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, is committed to meaningful and lasting reconciliation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit in the province and supports reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples across Canada and the world, and

WHEREAS the intergenerational trauma caused by colonial policies, including the residential school system, has lasting and ongoing physical, mental, emotional, sexual and spiritual harms, including the loss of life that continues to this day, and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada calls for publicly commemorating and taking action to address the true and painful history, as well as the ongoing impact, of residential schools is a fundamental part of the reconciliation process, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia strongly rejects residential school denialism and supports the crucial and heartbreaking work of all those who are searching for the children who died attending residential schools, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia affirms that "Every Child Matters" and encourages everyone to wear an orange shirt on September 30—the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a legislated statutory holiday in British Columbia—to commemorate and honour the dignity of Indigenous children who never returned home; to recognize the enduring and resilient spirit of survivors, intergenerational survivors, families and communities; to collectively strive for an end to Indigenous-specific racism, violence and bullying; and to support the safety, well-being and self-esteem of all children;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 30, 2025, shall be known as

"Orange Shirt Day"

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Wendy Cocchia, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this seventeenth day of September, two thousand twenty-five and in the fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and Deputy Premier

Lieutenant Governor