



Proclamation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2022

WHEREAS; the federal government has recognized September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which was proposed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as one of its 94 Calls to Action;

WHEREAS; there were 140 federally run residential schools in Canada, operating between 1831 and 1998, through which Indigenous children were separated from their families, culture, and language, and were subjected to widespread neglect and abuse;

WHEREAS; this day honors the children who never returned home and the Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities;

WHEREAS; this day is for Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities, to be reaffirmed that they matter and that their trauma is real;

WHEREAS; the City of Leduc recognizes the impacts of Canada's colonial history on Indigenous Peoples, and affirms that Indigenous people in Canada continue to face systemic discrimination to this day because of this history;

WHEREAS; this day also coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which has opened the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools since 2013, and has created meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the dark legacy they have left behind;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Bob Young, on behalf of City Council, hereby proclaim September 30, 2022, and each year hereafter as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Leduc.



Bob Young | Mayor

