

JOHN TORY
MAYOR

Proclamation

Orange Shirt Day

September 30, 2019

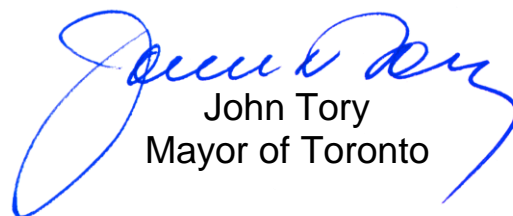
WHEREAS Orange Shirt Day is a day set aside to honour the legacy of the Indian Residential School Survivors, their families and communities, as well as to remember those who died in the residential school system. According to the official apology issued by the Federal government in 2008, "The residential schools were created to remove and isolate children from the influence of their homes, families, traditions and cultures, and to assimilate them into the dominant culture."

Orange Shirt Day is a time to educate people and promote awareness about the Indian Residential School System and the impact this system still has on Indigenous communities in Canada. It is also an opportunity to come together in the spirit of hope and reconciliation for generations of children to come.

Orange Shirt Day grew out of the story of one survivor, Phyllis Webstad, who had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day at the residential school. The Orange Shirt is now used as a vivid reminder of the need for ongoing discussions and work towards Truth and Reconciliation.

Orange Shirt Day recognizes one of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations for a "National Day 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."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **September 30, 2019** as "**Orange Shirt Day**" in the City of Toronto.


John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

