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Proclamation

Event: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Date: September 30, 2024

“Whereas the Government of Canada has established September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, following the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action #80, to acknowledge the tragic history and damage inflicted by the legacy of Canada’s Indian Residential School System; and

Whereas this day commemorates and honours the children from Indigenous communities who never returned home, and recognizes the resilience, dignity, and strength of survivors, intergenerational survivors, families and communities; and

Whereas publicly commemorating the tragic and painful history, as well as the ongoing impact of residential schools, is a crucial part of Canada’s reconciliation process; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action offer essential guidance to individuals and governments in addressing the legacy of residential schools and promoting reconciliation; and

Whereas Northumberland County is dedicated to implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action relating to municipalities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Warden Brian Ostrander, on behalf of Northumberland County Council do hereby proclaim September 30th to be the ‘National Day for Truth and Reconciliation’ in Northumberland County; and

Further Be it Resolved That Council urges Northumberland residents to observe this day with reflection and action to build understanding of our shared history with Indigenous Peoples. By Acknowledging the truths of our past, we strengthen our commitment to a future founded on respect, unity, and understanding.”

Dated this 18 day of September 2024

Brian Ostrander, Warden