



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 27, 2022

In 2021, the [Government of Canada declared](#) September 30 the “*National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*”. The declaration responds to [Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action](#) No. 80, which calls for the creation of a statutory 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.”

This year marks the second annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is a day to honour residential school survivors, intergenerational survivors and those who did not make it home. Consider spending your day learning, reflecting and committing to action on the ongoing impacts of colonialism. As HSA members we ask that you consider the ongoing impacts of colonialism in the healthcare sector. If you have not yet had time to read [In Plain Sight](#) please consider doing so.

For Indigenous colleagues and members, reminder of support services:

- The [Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#) is available at 1-800-721-0066 along with a 24-hour crisis line at 1-866-925-4419 for those who need immediate support.
- The [KUU-US Crisis Line Society](#) provides an Indigenous-specific crisis line available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's toll-free and can be reached at 1-800-588-8717.
- The [First Nations Health Authority](#) offers support specifically for survivors and families who have been directly impacted by the Indian Residential School system.

Learning Resources for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Learning about the Truth is essential before there can be reconciliation. The Truths are unsettling. Be sure to take care of yourself as you journey down the path.

- Learn more about the day: [Phyllis Webstad and Orange shirt day](#)
- Participate in [Indigenous Canada](#) (free)
- [Learn from Indigenous Peoples](#): Indigenous businesses you can support, authors, podcasts, films and other resources.

Alongside In Plain Sight also read:

- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada 94 Calls to Action](#)
- [Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)

Commit to one of the calls to action in your professional and personal lives.

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