



Aboriginal Housing Management Association

September 14, 2021

Statement to Honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021

Traditional Territories of the Squamish Nation/West Vancouver, BC – The Aboriginal Housing Management Association will honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th in alignment with legislation passed by the Federal Government. AHMA recognizes this as a time in which all communities can commit as individuals and collectively towards meaningful reconciliation. As part of this formal recognition, AHMA's office will be closed on September 30, 2021, and staff will receive the day off. AHMA encourages each of our members across British Columbia to take this time to reflect, to rest, and to be with your communities.

AHMA encourages our partners and our extended community of stakeholders to explore opportunities to become more effective allies without putting stress on Indigenous organizations and communities. Truth and Reconciliation requires more than just one day, the national holiday is an important step in the right direction for all Canadians to honour the Truth and Reconciliation Commission 94 calls to action. Together we can strengthen our commitment to correcting the wrongs and injustices of the past by improving Canada's relationship with Indigenous Peoples.

In previous years, AHMA has honored September 30th as Orange Shirt Day and will continue to do so in unison with the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation as it is the time of year when Indigenous children were stolen and taken to residential schools. It is also a day to honor Residential School Survivors and communities while promoting awareness.

AHMA calls on our government, partners, and colleagues to center Indigenous voices and to hold space for our Indigenous communities, to listen, learn and move forward in a compassionate way. It is important to ensure the information surrounding residential schools is shared in a mindful and culturally appropriate manner that respects the experience of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the potential retriggering of any traumas.

Please feel free to reach out to your contacts at AHMA to share, plan, and discuss your way forward and any support you and your community need. AHMA will do our best to listen and connect.

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