



TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has established September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, recognizing the tragic history and enduring impacts of Canada's residential school system; and

WHEREAS September 30 commemorates and honours the children who never returned home from Canada's residential schools and recognizes the resilience and strength of survivors, intergenerational survivors, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in advancing reconciliation; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Town of Watson Lake urge residents to observe this day through reflection and action, to deepen understanding of the history and ongoing legacy of residential schools, and to foster relationships rooted in respect, understanding, and unity; and

WHEREAS the Town of Watson Lake honours residential school survivors and all those affected by Canada's residential school system through its annual observance, including the raising of Every Child Matters flag;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lauren Hanchar, Mayor of the Town of Watson Lake, do hereby proclaim September 30 as the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** in the Town of Watson Lake.

Proclaimed this 22nd day of September, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Hanchar".

Lauren Hanchar, Mayor