

## STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **?AKISQNUK FIRST NATION, WINDERMERE, BC, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 –**

Ki?su?k kyukit qapiniskił. Today, September 30, 2025, ?akisqnuk First Nation would like to acknowledge and reflect on National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

We would like to firstly commend our community for their strength and resilience, as well as acknowledge and congratulate their continued efforts towards healing. The impacts of colonialism and the residential school system continue to affect our survivors, families, and communities.

Our warriors and allies who continue to fight for change, equality, and fairness also have our gratitude and support. Our voices continue to grow stronger and our values and language are being heard in political forums here in ?amak?is Ktunaxa and across the globe. We are proud of and hopeful for the continued progress our people have made to overturn the systemic barriers and obstacles that have prevented us from advocating for ourselves, our land, and our traditional ways.

Today, we call on the Government of Canada and the Governments of British Columbia and Alberta, on which our traditional and unceded territory lies, to continue to implement the 94 Calls to Action promised by Truth and Reconciliation Day and redouble their efforts to rectify the actions and injustices committed by the leaders of the past.

Truth and Reconciliation Day is a day for reflection on the atrocities committed on Indigenous Peoples, an opportunity to identify injustices and areas for continued improvement, and a celebration of the progress that has been won.

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