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## **Strength, Healing, and Commitment on the 5th Anniversary Commemoration of the Tk'emplúps Announcement**

On this solemn occasion of the 5th anniversary, the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) remembers and honours the children whose lives were tragically lost and discovered in unmarked graves at the Kamloops Residential School. We stand in solidarity with Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir, the Tk'emplúps te Secwépemc community, and all First Nations peoples as we reflect on this profound tragedy and loss. First Nations continue to be deeply impacted by the Residential School system, and their voices continue to carry the histories and grief of their experiences.

First Nations draw strength from our spirituality, resilience, and unbreakable connection to our lands and cultures. BCAFN honours the courage of survivors like BCAFN Knowledge Keeper Harvey McLeod, Dr. Robert Joseph and all other survivors who continue to share their truths, awakening us all to the ongoing legacy of this atrocity.

As Canadians move forward, we must commit to the path of healing, justice, and reconciliation. BCAFN calls on all levels of government to take meaningful action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, ensuring respect for all the survivors who were traumatized and the children who were lost to these institutions. This significant anniversary is a time to learn, reflect, and unite in the spirit of love and lasting change.

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