

NINA BIFOLCHI

MAYOR

# *Proclamation*

## **NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has recognized September 30<sup>th</sup> as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which was proposed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as one of its 94 Calls to Action; and

**WHEREAS** there were 140 federally run residential schools in Canada, operating between 1831 and 1998, through which Indigenous children were separated from their families, culture, and language, and were subjected to widespread neglect and abuse; and

**WHEREAS** this day honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities; and

**WHEREAS** this day is for survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities, to be reaffirmed that they matter and that their trauma is real; and

**WHEREAS** this day also coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which has opened the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools since 2013, and has created meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the dark legacy they have left behind.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Nina Bifolchi, and on behalf of the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2022 as “**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**” in the Town of Wasaga Beach.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Bifolchi', written over a horizontal line.

Nina Bifolchi, Mayor