ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 21, 22, & 23, 2009, CALGARY, AB

Resolution no. 15/2009

TITLE:	National Residential School Memorial Day
SUBJECT:	Residential Schools
MOVED BY:	Chief Allan Towegeshig, Long Lake #58 First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Chief Arthur Moore, Constance Lake First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Passed provisionally by AFN Executive Committee on September 10, 2009

WHEREAS:

A. First Nation and Aboriginal Children were forcibly sent to Residential Schools, many of whom attended against their will and that of their families.

B. The affects of Residential Schools have caused untold damage to First Nations peoples and our communities in terms of cultural, physical, sexual, social, spiritual abuse and even death.

C. On June 11th, 2008, the Government of Canada formally apologized for the policies that led to the creation and operation of Indian Residential Schools and the damages that resulted to First Nations peoples under this regime.

D. There is a need for a national day to honour the survivors who attended Indian Residential Schools who were compelled to endure forcible separation from family, community, culture and language.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Support the call for the establishment of a National Indian Residential School Memorial Day to acknowledge and honour Indian Residential School survivors, their families and communities.

2. That the National Indian Residential School Memorial Day occur annually on September 1 to reflect the time when children were forced to leave home.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 10th day of September, 2009 in Gatineau, Quebec

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