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SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
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Resolution no. 35/2025

TITLE: National-Provincial All Inclusive First Nations Survivors' Day

SUBJECT: Women's Commission

MOVED BY: Chief Dan Wilson, Okanagan Indian Band, BC

SECONDED BY: Chief Edwin Ananas, Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation, SK

DECISION: Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

- A. Articles 1, 7, and 22 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UN Declaration) affirm that Indigenous Peoples have the right to full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, that they shall not be subjected to violence or discrimination, and that special attention shall be paid to the rights and needs of Indigenous Elders, women, youth, children, and 2SLGBTQQA+ individuals in addressing historical and systemic injustices.
- B. The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls produced a final report containing 231 Calls to Justice, revealing that persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses are the root cause of the crisis of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQA+ people in Canada.
- C. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada issued 94 Calls to Action in response to the ongoing legacy of residential schools, highlighting systemic injustices, intergenerational trauma, and the continued overrepresentation of First Nations children in the child welfare system.
- D. Survivors of these injustices exist across all Treaty territories in Saskatchewan and beyond, and no First Nations person has been untouched by the impacts of colonialism, forced assimilation, and systemic oppression.
- E. Despite the widespread impact, there is currently no all-inclusive day that formally recognizes and honours survivors of the Indian Residential School system, the Sixties Scoop, gender-based violence, child welfare involvement, and other colonial and state-led harms experienced by First Nations people.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nations-in-Assembly:

1. Support the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) in calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to establish June 30th as an annual Provincial All-Inclusive First Nations Survivors' Day, dedicated to honouring the strength, healing, and resilience of all First Nations survivors.
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to urge the Government of Canada to designate June 30th as a National First Nations Survivors' Day, to be recognized and observed annually as a federal statutory holiday in honour of all survivors of colonial and systemic injustices across Turtle Island.

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