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Mayors of Canada

I am one of the organizers of Victoria Orange Shirt Day, and I work with Kristin Spray. We work under the name Xe Xe smun eem , which is Hul Qumi Unum for the words Sacred children. I approached Murray Rankin in 2017 to ask to help us present a private members bill to get the Federal government to officially recognize Orange shirt Day my making it a national day of recognizance for residential school experiences of 150,000 residential school sutdents. I wish to create awareness of the effects of residential school on Canada's Indigenous peoples by making it a national holiday. This is under one of the 94 recommendations of Truth and reconciliation. Murray Rankin did present that private members bill on the floor in )ctober 2017 but Georgina Jolibois also presented a bill to recognize the plight of residential school survivors as well and so they stepped back to see what would happen. The bill was killed on the floor this year. I am coming to you and begging you to help me get this private member bill brought back to the House of Commons again by writing to the Prime Minister or to [marc.miller@parl.gc.ca](mailto:marc.miller@parl.gc.ca) This is a very important bill and I feel like it is something that we all need time to talk about this. Indigenous children are experiencing trauma from their caregivers and adults in their communities. I must say that children will continue to suffer until we have the courage to speak out about the issue of residential schools.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has come up with 94 recommendations there are three which I would like to share that I feel make accepting this private members bill important:

**79.** We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with survivors, Aboriginal organizations, and the arts community, to develop a reconciliation framework for Canadian heritage and commemoration.

**80.** We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

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**86.** We call upon Canadian journalism programs and media schools to require education for all students on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations.

It would benefit all Canadians to recognize this private members bill as I feel it would improve relationships all across Canada and have an effect of decreasing racism in the next decade.

Children are suffering in indigenous homes every day. Caregivers are not trained adequately to be parents and residential schools have played a major role in this defect in parenting skills. Children are facing starvation as a result of alcohol related issues and they are suffering in academics as a result and our children are not completing their education at the same level as their peers.

Please consider helping me to get the federal government to consider this private members bill in Ottawa on behalf of 150,000 survivors of residential school.

Huy ch qu Xe Xe Smun Eem  
Kristin Spray & Eddy Charlie