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A Renewed Time of Reconciliation for All Canadians

VANCOUVER – The Treaty Commission urges all Canadians to reflect on National Aboriginal Day and National Aboriginal History Month, and the recent report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). This is a time for everyone to recognize the importance of reconciliation for our country, and renew our commitment to reconciliation.

“National Aboriginal Day is an opportunity to showcase the strength in our distinctive cultures and for all Canadians to understand the importance of a relationship based on mutual respect, especially understanding the unique role of First Nations in Canada as self-determining and self sufficient peoples,” said Acting Chief Commissioner Celeste Haldane.

The BC treaty negotiations process is one of the few established reconciliatory processes in Canada. Fairly negotiated and honourably implemented treaties are the best expression of reconciliation and the Treaty Commission supports the parties to the treaty negotiations process in completing more treaties. National Aboriginal Day, National Aboriginal History Month and the TRC report are opportunities to focus on why reconciliation through fairly negotiated and honourably implemented treaties is a collective goal for all Canadians.

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About the BC Treaty Commission

The Treaty Commission is the independent body responsible for overseeing treaty negotiations among the governments of Canada, BC and First Nations in BC. It has three roles: facilitation, funding, and public information and education. Visit www.bctreaty.ca to learn more about the Treaty Commission.