



Caledon Flag Raising – Truth and Reconciliation Day

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Aanii and hello everyone.

My name is Chief Margaret Sault, of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

I want to begin by thanking the Town of Caledon, the Mayor's Office, the other dignitaries who have come and everyone who has gathered here today for this Every Child Matters flag raising.

It is meaningful to come together on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour the children who never returned home from residential schools, the Survivors, their families and the generations of Indigenous people who continue to carry the impacts of these institutions.

Today, we raise this flag in remembrance, but also in recognition of the responsibility we all share to learn the truth and take meaningful steps toward reconciliation.

As Chief of the Mississaugas of the Credit, I welcome you to these treaty lands. Our Nation is the sole and rightful Treaty Holder of the Ajetance Treaty No. 19, where we stand today.

Our relationship with these lands, and with the communities that have grown upon them, is one that continues to this day. Reconciliation means understanding that history, respecting our treaty relationship and building a future grounded in mutual respect and understanding.

The orange shirt and the words "Every Child Matters" remind us that every child deserves to grow up safe, loved and connected to their family, culture, language and community.

For Indigenous children, these are not simply words. They are a reminder of what was taken from so many families and of the importance of protecting the rights, identities and well-being of the next generation.

While today is a day of remembrance, it's also a call to action. Reconciliation requires more than a flag raising or a single day of reflection. It requires a continued commitment to listening, learning, addressing the harms of the past and working together to create meaningful change.

I encourage everyone here today to carry the meaning of this day with you beyond September 30. Take the time to learn about the history of residential schools, listen to

Survivors and Indigenous voices, and consider how you can contribute to reconciliation in your own community.



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On behalf of the Mississaugas of the Credit, I thank the Town of Caledon for inviting us to be part of this important gathering and for creating space to remember the children and honour the Survivors.

May we continue to work together with compassion, respect and a shared commitment to ensuring that every child matters.

Miigwech, thank you.

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