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## ***National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Event***

LTFN Chief Dolleen Logan today announced that the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation will host a community event to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Friday, September 30. The event will take place in Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Chief Logan states “National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a very tough day for Indigenous people across Canada. There isn't an Indigenous nation, community or family which is not touched by the horrors that occurred in Canada's residential schools between the mid-1800s and the early 1990s. The Government of Canada states this day was created 'to honour the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. We will do our part to help advance the journey on the road to reconciliation by hosting a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day Event in Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.'

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event Leader Jen Rubadeau adds “Unlike the LTFN National Indigenous Peoples Day Event which celebrates Indigenous history, culture and traditions, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event will be more solemn and reflective. The powerful educational event will feature a healing ceremony and include storytelling, singing, and drumming. The event is for all Indigenous and Non-Indigenous members of the community. It will also include acknowledgement of the 215 unmarked graves found last year at the former Kamloops Residential School. LTFN was not able to host an event on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation last year due to Covid restrictions so this year's event will hold extra special meaning for Lheidli members.”

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