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September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Kuujjuaq, September 30th, 2021 – On this National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the ones we lost are remembered and the ones that struggle are recognized. With a history that can no longer be ignored, this day must be observed by everyone. The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) underlines this day of reflection by inviting Nunavimmiut to participate in community events that will take place across the region.

This day is also known as the *Orange Shirt Day.* In remembrance of the atrocities that led to the disappearance of Indigenous children, the population is encouraged to wear an orange shirt or an orange accessory. *Every Child Matters* pins are available at the NRBHSS office in Kuujjuaq and will be sent to each community.

Due to the dark history behind the residential schools, the ones who have been through that system and the ones that continue to be affected are to be acknowledged on this day. Working towards improving the present and healing for a better future is the vision shared by the NRBHSS.

“Youths are a significant part of our demographic and providing them with the support they need to grow strong is paramount. The only way for them to carry our culture through time and create a future worthy of its significance is through the efforts we strive to provide now.”, says Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the NRBHSS.

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement*. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.*

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