



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION "Orange Shirt Day"

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

WHEREAS, Orange Shirt Day is observed in Olds as an opportunity for First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come;

AND WHEREAS, the Olds community is part of continuing to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

THEREFORE, we, the Elected Officials of the Town of Olds, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 30, 2020 as "*Orange Shirt Day*" in the Town of Olds.

Wednesday, September 30, 2020, "Orange Shirt Day" in the Town of Olds.

Signed this 25 day of September, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Muzychka", is written over a horizontal line.

His Worship,
Mayor Michael Muzychka