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## **A statement from Premier Darrell Pasloski on National Aboriginal Day**

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski today issued the following statement on National Aboriginal Day:

"National Aboriginal Day is a day to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of Aboriginal Peoples in Yukon and across our country.

"There is much to celebrate. Yukon has 14 First Nations with eight Aboriginal languages, which play an important and vibrant role in Yukon history, culture and success. First Nations leaders, governments and people have made immense contributions to our society throughout history and today.

"The Yukon government values the contributions of Aboriginal Peoples and is committed to working with First Nations to advance our shared goals of a happy, healthy and prosperous society.

"The Yukon government has partnered with First Nations on a number of projects that will bring benefits to all Yukoners. Some of these projects include leading the country with ground-breaking amendments to land titles legislation to allow for registration of Settlement Land, and funding the Carcross Commons and Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association. Other partnership initiatives include the Kwanlin Dün First Nation community safety project and the Jackson Lake healing camp.

"This 20th anniversary of National Aboriginal Day is a day to celebrate, but also to reflect on both the proud and regrettable aspects of Canadian and Yukon history.

"The Yukon government has worked with First Nations and Aboriginal women's organizations to provide support and action for the families of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

"We have also committed to working in partnership with Yukon First Nations to address the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and to move forward with Yukon First Nations on the path to reconciliation.

"I encourage all Yukoners to reflect on their role in reconciliation and participate in the celebrations and events planned for National Aboriginal Day.

"I wish everyone a happy National Aboriginal Day."

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