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## **A day to celebrate achievements in land claims**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is joining with Yukon First Nations to mark an important land claims anniversary.

"I am pleased to participate in the celebrations that are happening throughout this week," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "Officials from the governments of Yukon First Nations, Canada and Yukon, together with the Council of Yukon First Nations, are working together on the Mapping the Way campaign to raise public awareness about Yukon First Nation Final and Self-Government Agreements."

Elements of this campaign range from logos on Air North planes, educational materials, a short commemorative video and celebrations throughout the territory. The Government of Yukon is an active contributor to the Mapping the Way awareness campaign.

"This is a day to honour the past 20 years of achievements, celebrate land claims history and recognize past and present leaders," Pasloski added. "I congratulate all First Nations on the important anniversaries being celebrated throughout the year."

Today is the 20th anniversary of signing the Umbrella Final Agreement and the first four First Nation Final and Self-Government Agreements. On May 29, 1993, the Umbrella Final Agreement was signed by the Council for Yukon Indians—now the Council of Yukon First Nations—and the governments of Canada and Yukon. Commonly referred to as the UFA, this document provided a common template for Yukon First Nations in the negotiation of their own Final Agreements.

On the same day the UFA was signed, the first four Yukon First Nations also signed their Final and Self-Government agreements with the governments of Canada and Yukon: Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Teslin Tlingit Council, the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, and Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation.

The premier is joining First Nations chiefs this afternoon to commemorate this anniversary.

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the presentation of Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow—a historic document presented to the prime minister by a delegation of Yukon First Nation chiefs on February 14, 1973. That presentation marked the beginning of the negotiation process for modern-day treaties in Yukon, and the first of their kind Self-Government Agreements in Canada.

Today, 11 of 14 Yukon First Nations are self-governing and have Final and Self-Government Agreements.

To learn more about these agreements or to view the short video recognizing historical milestones and current successes, visit [mappingtheway.ca](http://mappingtheway.ca).

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