



TOWN OF SHELburne DIVERISTY, EQUITY  
AND INLCUSION COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION**

**Date:** September 16, 2021

**Moved by:** Kyle Fegan

**Seconded by:** David Ebgert

**Whereas**, the orange shirt has become a symbol of remembrance for residential school survivors; and

**Whereas**, the symbol originated in the experience of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, who shared her story of how her new orange shirt was taken away from her on her first day at St. Joseph Mission Residential School, leaving her with feelings of worthlessness and insignificance; and

**Whereas**, Indigenous children were historically taken from their homes to residential schools at the end of September; and

**Whereas**, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada has called for a national day of remembrance for residential school survivors; and

**Whereas**, this day will provide a way for our community to publicly commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and the resilience of residential school survivors, commemoration being a vital component of the reconciliation process; and

**Whereas**, Shelburne is a community that celebrates its cultural diversity.

**Now Therefore**, I, Mayor Wade Mills, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2021, as "Orange Shirt Day" in the Town of Shelburne And that the Orange Shirt Day flag raising take place September 30, 2021, and that the flag be flown until at least October 3, 2021.