

NATIONAL DAY OF RECONCILIATION

June 11, 2009

June 11, 2009 marks the first anniversary of Canada's apology for its treatment of children, parents and families as a result of the Indian Residential School system.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine is calling on Canadians to join us in Ottawa on June 11th to participate in a **National Day of Reconciliation**.

"Last year, the Prime Minister made a moving and heartfelt apology to residential school survivors on behalf of all Canadians. Now is the time to move forward on the next step in our journey."

The **National Day of Reconciliation** will begin with a sunrise ceremony at 5:30 a.m. on Victoria Island. Members of the public are welcome to participate or observe. At 11:00 a.m., First Nations leaders and citizens, church leaders, politicians and concerned Canadians will begin a march from Victoria Island to Parliament Hill. At Parliament Hill, National Chief Phil Fontaine will address the crowd, as will other leaders and special invited guests. Children will also invite everyone to participate in a Round Dance, a traditional display of friendship and goodwill.

"We will reach our destination when First Nations live in healthy communities and raise children who can pursue their goals and dreams, and when First Nations share in the riches of this, their traditional homeland."



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PLEASE JOIN US AT VICTORIA ISLAND FOR THE MARCH AT 11:00 A.M. OR ON PARLIAMENT HILL AT NOON ON THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009.

For more details, visit www.afn.ca or call (613) 241-6789.