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## **MMVI Responds to Discovery of Remains of 215 Children at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in BC**

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**Treaty 1, Manitoba**-Manitoba Moon Voices Inc. stands with the community of Tk'emlups te Secwép̓mc First Nation and our Indigenous relatives as we grieve the loss of 215 children discovered at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. Through our grief, we also feel anger as we are once again forced to confront the deadly legacy of colonialism, racism and genocide that Indian Residential Schools have inflicted on our families and communities.

Indian Residential Schools are not a relic of the past. Our staff includes some of the first generation of Indigenous people not forced to attend Residential School. These schools were a prolonged attempt to wipe out Indigenous people in Canada, an attempt that only ended with the last school closing in 1996. We continue to feel the impacts of residential schools within our own families and within our communities.

Manitoba Moon Voices Inc honours the 215 lives taken at the Former Kamloops Indian Residential School and all the Indigenous children who never returned to their communities. We also honour all the children who did return home forever changed.

We commend the Tk'emlups te Secwép̓mc First Nation for their commitment to finding these children and ensuring this was done in a culturally respectful way.

As we head into National Indigenous History Month, we encourage all Manitobans to continue learning about this important part of our collective history and to ally with us as we work to heal from the intergenerational trauma inflicted upon our people due to the residential school system.

This discovery has been triggering for many of us. If you require any assistance, please contact the Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419.

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