



Proclamation

September 30, 2020

Orange Shirt Day

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, Orangeville is a community that celebrates its cultural diversity.

Now therefore, I, Mayor Sandy Brown, do hereby proclaim **September 30, 2020** as "**Orange Shirt Day**" in the Town of Orangeville.

Sandy Brown
Mayor