



## **Brock University Graduate Students' Association**

### Special Statement

June 30, 2021 – (St. Catharines, ON)

### **Special Statement on Canada Day and Support**

Tomorrow, the GSA will be redirecting our attentions to acknowledging the needed supports of Indigenous communities; needed supports for the traumatic actions of residential schools, for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, for over 150 years of stolen lands, for many more injustices.

There are many ways that those who are settlers can show solidarity with our Indigenous neighbours.

As an organization, we recognize that there is much more that we can be doing for both our members who are Indigenous, but also for Indigenous communities around us. We acknowledge that we need to take more meaningful actions; to take actions that aren't solely performative. We are determined to do more.

We commit to continually learning more and sharing resources along the way so that you can learn more with us. Tomorrow, we hope that you join us in lifting voices of Indigenous folks, celebrating Indigenous art and artists, reinvesting funds that you would have used towards Canada Day celebrations to Indigenous charities and organizations in your communities or across the country, and taking time to learn more about Turtle Island and the first caretakers of its lands.

One step that we urge everyone to take along with us – be it tomorrow or any other day – is reading the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's](#) Calls to Action. While many of the 94 Calls to Action have a demand of government resources or personnel, there are many ways in which we can enact some of these actions in our own lives. Have a read and see what you can introduce into your lives or start to act on now!

Below, you will find a compiled list of resources to better support Indigenous communities. We encourage you to find ways to spread awareness by sharing these resources, by educating your friends, families, and communities.

#### **Resources and Information:**

[Brock Service] [Aboriginal Student Services](#)

[Website] [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#)

[Website] [Orange Shirt Day](#)

[Website] [ON Canada Project: Settlers Take Action](#)

[Toolkit] [Indigenous Health Network's Indigenous Allyship Toolkit](#)

[Interactive Map] [Native Land: Find out whose traditional territory you live on](#)

[Community Resource] [Niagara Regional Native Centre](#)

[Community Resource] [Ontario Native Women's Association](#)



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[Website] [Indigenous Climate Action](#)

#### **Indigenous History:**

[Website] [History of residential schools](#)

[TRC Report] [Canada's Residential Schools: Origins to 1939](#)

[Website] [The 60s scoop](#)

[Website] [Missing and murdered indigenous women and girls \(MMIWG\)](#)

[Website] [Indigenous History and Heritage](#)

#### **Avenues to Financially Support:**

[Website] [Indian Residential School Survivors Society \(IRSSS\)](#)

[Website] [Native Women's Association of Canada](#)

[Website] [Assembly of 7 Generations](#)

[Website] [True North Aid](#)

If you are in need of cultural supports:

- The Indian Residential School Survivors Society Emergency Crisis Line is available across Canada 24/7 at 1-866-925-4419
- Talk4Healing Help Line is available 24/7 for culturally sensitive crisis counselling, advise and support at 1-855-554-HEAL (4325)