

ANNEX A

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

DESCRIPTION OF VISUAL ELEMENTS

Among the various visual elements illustrating Indigenous cultures, the circle is at the centre, which represents being together in spirit of reconciliation. The orange colour represents truth-telling and healing. The pathway represents the road to reconciliation. First Nations, Inuit and Métis are represented by the eagle, narwhal and beaded flower in the image. The stars represent the children who never made it home from residential schools.

***Smoke** is used in different ways by all three Indigenous groups in Canada. Whether it is to smoke fish and meat, to burn sage and tobacco or for sacred ceremonies, it is a significant symbol in Indigenous culture.

DESCRIPTION OF THE THREE ICONS



The eagle to represent the First Nations



The narwhal to represent the Inuit



The beaded flower to represent the Métis peoples

The circle
represents being together in a spirit of reconciliation

The beaded flower
representing Métis peoples

The stars
represent the children who never made it home from residential schools

The eagle
representing First Nations

The narwhal
representing the Inuit

Orange smoke
representing Indigenous traditions, spirituality, inclusion and diversity

The pathway
representing the Road to Reconciliation