

## TCG SUPPORTS WARRIORS WALK FOR HEALING NATIONS AND CHALLENGES OTHERS TO MATCH OR EXCEED CONTRIBUTION

**DEASE LAKE, BC, July 19, 2021** – Led by a group of Tahltan, several individuals from various Indigenous Nations began a healing walk from Whitehorse, Yukon to Kamloops, British Columbia to honour residential school victims and survivors. The group is also bringing further awareness to Canada's residential school legacy and raising funds for residential school initiatives.

The Tahltan Central Government (TCG) has committed to make a \$10,000.00 contribution to the Warriors Walk for Healing Nations and will seek further donations from their partners, other Tahltan entities and from companies operating in Tahltan Territory.

President Chad Norman Day has also pledged \$5,000.00 from his Healthy Active Tahltans fundraiser to provide the Warrior Walkers with further equipment, food and supplies along their journey. Many Tahltan members, several indigenous nations and many other supporters have joined these courageous walkers along their path.

Like all First Nations, the Tahltan Nation has been devastated by the legacy of residential schools. The TCG will continue to provide support initiatives that honour residential school victims/survivors and help assist in the healing process which will assist all generations of indigenous children, families and communities following the decades of harm caused by Canada's residential schools.

Chad Norman Day, President of the TCG said, **The Warriors Walk for Healing Nations is a brave and beautiful initiative started by a group of our people and they have the full support of the Tahltan Central Government and the Tahltan Nation. We are so proud of the Warrior Walkers for their ongoing sacrifices and efforts to raise funds and awareness for residential school victims, survivors and initiatives. They are having a significant impact throughout the northwest and bringing people together in a good way to heal and have some very important conversations. More than ever, Canadians are taking the time to learn about the awful legacy and impacts of residential schools, which helps them better understand the urgent need to empower indigenous nations and remain focused on reconciliatory efforts and initiatives."**

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## **ABOUT THE TAHLTAN NATION**

The Tahltan Central Government (TCG) is the administrative governing body of the Tahltan Nation. The Iskut Band and the Tahltan Band continue to govern Tahltan interests with respect to the Indian Act in the communities of Iskut, Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek. The TCG is the representative government of the Tahltan Nation with respect to the inherent and collective Aboriginal title and rights shared by all Tahltan people.

The Tahltan Nation's Territory spans 95,933 square km of Northwest British Columbia or the equivalent of 11 per cent of the province. Tahltan Territory includes 70 per cent of BC's Golden Triangle – a world-class mining jurisdiction with a thriving mineral exploration sector. For more information, visit: [www.tahltan.org](http://www.tahltan.org).

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