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Gordon Elliott, Director of Operations
WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council
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Dear Mr. Elliott:

I hope today finds you and your community well.

The District of Saanich remains committed to reconciliation and my Council colleagues and myself look forward to a time when we are able to meet face-to-face and continue exploring mutual concerns and priorities.

Recently, Council received a request to consider supporting the actions Mayor Aaron Stone (Ladysmith) has recently taken in hanging red dresses at the municipality and possibly along Pat Bay Highway to combat the act of racism recently experienced by First Nations people.

Council is committed to initiatives that support Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Children such as Red Dress Day on May 5th and is very interested in supporting actions surrounding Red Dress Day.

Given its importance, Saanich Council will be proclaiming May 5th as Red Dress Day. Further to that, if your community has Red Dress Day actions that Saanich Council can support please do let me know.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Haynes".

Fred Haynes
Mayor