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Today, our government announced new permanent measures to make it easier for Indigenous communities and families seeking and registering certain vital event documents in the province.

First, our government is permanently waiving the fees for Indian Residential School Survivors and their families who wish to reclaim traditional names that were changed by the school system. We are also waiving the fees for people seeking to change their name to a single name if it is in accordance with their traditional culture.

Next, our government is providing a streamlined, one window process to reduce the burden for those seeking death registration searches, certificates and certified copies of death registrations. As part of today's announcement, we are permanently waiving fees for those important documents. Fees are also being waived to register the death of children who attended Indian Residential Schools.

Our government recognizes the painful legacy that Indian Residential Schools still have today. It is our hope that by providing permanent relief, we are able to provide support to communities and families at every step of their journey towards healing.

Best regards,

The Honourable Greg Rickford
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