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Today is the 21st anniversary of National Aboriginal Day (NAD). June is also National Aboriginal month.

APUS recognizes that while this is the 21st anniversary of National Aboriginal day, this year also marks over 150 years of ongoing colonization of Turtle Island. Along with this recognition we also honour the lives of the over one-thousand and counting, missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and the loss of too many indigenous children in residential schools.

We are grateful to our Indigenous siblings in First Nations, Inuit, and Metis communities for their knowledge, teachings, research, activism, and solidarity.

All members of our community have the right to respect and dignity. It is incumbent on all members of the community, especially those of us who are settlers on this land, to advocate for justice for all communities. We encourage members of our community to research our collective histories on Turtle Island. We offer our solidarity and commitment to access to education for all First Nations, Inuit, and Metis students, to support the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to support the Sisters In Spirit campaign, and to support the right to independence and self determination for all Indigenous communities.