



Chambre des notaires du Québec Declaration on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

In recent years, several events have laid bare the painful truth about the so-called residential school system and the intergenerational trauma that to this day affects First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, their families and their communities.

As an organization primarily dedicated to the protection of the public, the Chambre des notaires du Québec recognizes the importance of memorializing this tragic history and paying tribute to survivors.

By virtue of their fundamental values of justice, impartiality, cohesion and understanding, the Chambre and the entire notarial profession wish to contribute to defining a more just and egalitarian society, and believe that an important path to achieving that goal is reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

We pledge to play an active role in the process of reconciliation by:

- raising notaries' awareness and providing them with coaching on issues around Indigenous law and realities so as to remedy inequity and unconscious bias;
- keeping the principles of social equity, respect for all and safeguarding of rights, especially in relation to Indigenous Peoples, alive and relevant in the collective consciousness;
- continuing to lend moral, financial and public support to initiatives advocating for acknowledgment of every individual's autonomy and for their access to justice, as well as for the documentation and revitalization of Indigenous laws; and
- contributing to the potential work to change the name of the *Indian Act* and, ultimately, repeal it, while helping foster coexistence of legal systems and traditions.

The Chambre des notaires du Québec and the broader notarial community have a duty as well as a responsibility to contribute to building a more equitable future, and that is the purpose of this Declaration.