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Statement of Solidarity from Huu-ay-aht First Nations

The Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) Government are profoundly saddened by the horrific tragedy that occurred yesterday, February 10, 2026, at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School. Our hearts are heavy for the students, staff, and families who this violence has directly impacted. We recognize the unimaginable trauma experienced by those within the school walls and the long road of healing that lies ahead for the entire student body, faculty, and overall community of Tumbler Ridge.

As we send our strength to the school community, we also extend our respect and condolences to all Nations who call Treaty 8 home, whose land we recognize as the place where this tragedy occurred. We stand in solidarity with you as you support your youth and families through this time of profound grief.

In Nuu-chah-nulth and Huu-ay-aht culture, we live by three sacred principles, one of which is hišukma c̓awaak (everything is one). When the heart of a community, its school, is hurt, the impact is felt by all of us, from our coastal shores to the mountains of the Peace River region. We send our prayers for the healing of the injured and the strength of the first responders. To the families grieving unimaginable loss: please know that from our shores to your mountains, we are holding you in our hearts.

Key BC Crisis Resources:

- 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline: Call or text 9-8-8 (Available 24/7).
- 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433): Specifically for suicide prevention/intervention.
- 310-6789: BC Mental Health Support Line (no area code needed) for emotional support.
- KUU-US Crisis Line: 1-800-588-8717 (Indigenous-specific, 24/7).
- Youth Services: Call or text 686868 (Kids Help Phone).

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