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For immediate release: Re-Statement from K'ómoks First Nation: taking a stance against the Danger Cats, who profit from jokes about the mass murder of Indigenous women.

K'ómoks First Nation remains steadfast in our opposition to any form of racism, hate, and discrimination. It has come to our attention that the controversial Albertan “comedy” troupe, Danger Cats, has rescheduled their event for September 26, at an undisclosed location in Comox — just four days before National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

This day, recognized on September 30th, is a time for all Canadians to honor the resiliency and strength of survivors of residential schools, remember those who never returned home, and reflect on the enduring impacts of colonial violence on Indigenous communities. It is a day dedicated to acknowledging the truth of Canada’s past and committing to the work of reconciliation.

The timing of this event is an insult to the purpose of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. By attempting to profit from making light of the horrific crimes committed by Robert Pickton, including the murders of Indigenous women and other women who were his victims, the Danger Cats troupe continues to perpetuate harmful stereotypes and trivialize the ongoing crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). The tragic loss of Indigenous women and the ongoing crisis of MMIWG must not be reduced to a punchline.

We call on our community, local governments, and businesses to take a firm stance against this event and to prevent our town from becoming a platform for spreading messages of hate and division. Hosting such an event at any time is unacceptable – but doing so in the lead-up to a day dedicated to truth and healing further undermines the values of respect and reconciliation that we strive to uphold.

We urge all venues in the Comox Valley to reconsider and cancel any engagement with performers who trivialize gender-based violence and perpetuate harmful stereotypes. This is not just a matter of free speech; it is about the collective responsibility we have, to protect the dignity and safety of all members of our community.

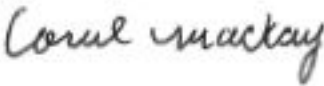
K'ómoks First Nation stands with the families of victims and all who have been impacted by such violence. Let us honor the spirit of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by ensuring that our community stands against hate and division, and instead upholds a future of unity, respect, and understanding.

Respectfully,

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