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CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGES AND SUPPORTS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S APOLOGY TO THE THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS OF INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IN CANADA

OTTAWA, June 13 - Dr. Taylor Alexander, CEO of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), National Office applauds Prime Minister Stephen Harper's recent House of Commons apology to the thousands of victims of Indian Residential Schools in Canada.

"This government's recent historic apology will hopefully, begin the healing process for survivors, their families and their loved ones. Our society must acknowledge the profound psychological suffering of these vulnerable individuals and their families, and that continues to impact on later generations," said Alexander. "CMHA is strongly committed to the principles of recovery. We believe that the Prime Minister's apology is an important step in promoting that process. CMHA sincerely wishes each and every survivor and their families continued strength and hope on the path of recovery."

About CMHA, National

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), National founded in 1918, is one of the oldest voluntary organizations in Canada. Each year, it provides direct service to more than 100,000 Canadians through the combined efforts of more than 10,000 volunteers and staff across Canada in over 135 communities. As a nation-wide, voluntary organization, the Canadian Mental Health Association promotes the mental health of all Canadians and supports the resilience and recovery of people experiencing mental illness. The CMHA accomplishes this mission through advocacy, education, research and service delivery. For more information, please visit www.cmha.ca.

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