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NATIVE CULTURAL CENTRE

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**Full size replica of the Restoration of Identity sculpture to be unveiled at  
Toronto Indigenous cultural gathering on October 9 at 10:30 a.m.**

Media/Photo Advisory

The Indian Residential School Survivors (IRSS) Legacy Celebration honours residential school survivors and their families by celebrating diverse Indigenous Nations on October 9-11, 2018.

The celebration aims to create awareness of the IRSS Legacy Project, led by Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre in collaboration with the City of Toronto. The project, to be permanently featured on Nathan Phillips Square, is anticipated to be completed in 2020. This public space initiative will consist of a 6 foot (two metre) turtle sculpture called the “Restoration of Identity sculpture” and a “Teaching, Learning and Sharing and Healing space”.

Date: Tuesday, October 9  
Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Who: Andrew Wesley, Community Elder  
Solomon King, Turtle sculpture artist, Studio Niiwin and Stone Artisan Studios Ltd.  
Andrea Chrisjohn, Board Designate, Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre  
Location: Nathan Phillips Square (100 Queen St. West), Toronto, ON  
Visuals: Replica Restoration of Identity turtle sculpture  
More than 20 painted teepees across the Nathan Phillips Square  
Note: Parking is limited, however parking for satellite/feed trucks can be accommodated with advance notice.

Produced by the Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre in collaboration with the City of Toronto, the free three-day IRSS Legacy Celebration gathering will feature Indigenous songs, stories, language, food, performances, installations and demonstrations for all ages. More information about the IRSS Legacy Celebration is available at [www.irsslegacy.com](http://www.irsslegacy.com).

Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre is an autonomous, vibrant cultural agency that involves and serves the Indigenous community with confidence for and commitment to their well-being. It is an active member of the Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council and the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres. More information can be found at <https://www.councilfire.ca/>.

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