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British Columbia Announces New Statutory Holiday: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On March 9, 2023, the British Columbia provincial government established the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory holiday under the British Columbia employment standards legislation. Provincially regulated employees in British Columbia are now entitled to observe September 30 of each year as a paid public holiday.

British Columbia will join Prince Edward Island, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and the Yukon as jurisdictions that have designated September 30 as a statutory holiday, along with federally regulated employers that also recognize this holiday.

As our clients know, we encourage employers to update their handbooks annually. Employers should update their handbooks to include a reference to this new public holiday. We would be pleased to assist.

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