

November 10th, 2021

**Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt**  
**Lieutenant Governor of Ontario**  
**Queen's Park**  
**Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1**

My dear Lieutenant Governor:

On November 9th, 2021 I took the oath of citizenship and became a Canadian citizen.

Reflecting on what it means to be Canadian and what are the most relevant rights and responsibilities that I now have. I concluded that respect to this land and the original stewards of this land are the most important issue for all of us Canadians. I am committed to learn what is being done and how to best uphold those principles regarding Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous people.

In order to do that, I would like to address Your Honour, as the closest representative of Her Majesty The Queen who is the personification of Canada, its values and constitution.

I was pleased to learn that Your Honour has made many official visits to First Nations throughout the province of Ontario, spoke up on many occasions about Indigenous issues and wants to: "further my own work on reconciliation as the representative of Her Majesty The Queen in Ontario and on behalf of all who live here."

In that spirit, I'd like to ask three questions to further our work together:

1. Where can I find up-to-date information about progress, delays, action plans and timelines regarding the calls to action regarding the Province of Ontario?
2. What changes for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario now that the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) became law in Canada in 2021?
3. How can I help?

There are 22 mentions of the provincial government and 9 mentions of all levels of government in the TRC Calls to Action. According to the yellowhead institute (<https://yellowheadinstitute.org/trc/>) only 8 out of the 94 calls to actions were implemented. Furthermore, the provincial information about reconciliation seems to be a little outdated. Several documents from the provincial government refer back to 2016-17 (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/journey-together-ontarios-commitment-reconciliation-indigenous-peoples>).

I look forward to learning more about what we can do as a community. As a Canadian, I want to be equipped and help others to be equipped as an active ally towards truth and reconciliation.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luis Patricio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'L'.

Luis Patricio  
Canadian Citizen