



Official Statement

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February 14th – A Day to Honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Vancouver BC- The Commissioners and Staff of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) recognizes the extraordinary efforts of survivors and families of the heart who gathered yesterday in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside for the annual Women's Memorial March to honour the lives of Indigenous missing and murdered women and all women's lives lost in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside, unceded Coast Salish Territories.

Grassroots initiatives such as the Women's Memorial March held yesterday continue to raise awareness and engage a variety of voices in the discussions that will drive reconciliation in Canada. We must all work towards an environment free of violence, but also towards the fulfillment of Indigenous women's valued place in society.

Indigenous women and girls deserve to feel safe in every family, community, city and Nation in Canada.

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