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## **Chief Commissioner Buller takes part in the BC Provincial Gathering and Day of Fasting in Victoria**

**Victoria, BC** – Today Chief Commissioner Marion Buller participated in the opening procession and morning plenary of the 8th Annual Moose Hide Campaign Provincial Gathering and Day of Fasting at the Victoria Conference Centre.

“This is an important event for all of us, men and women, where we can work together to create a safer society for women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA,” she stated. “While all forms of violence are unacceptable regardless of gender, we have to recognize that Indigenous woman and girls are disproportionately affected by violence in Canada.”

The Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who stand up and speak out against violence towards women and children. It aims to distribute 10 million moose hide pins across Canada and the world.

The Chief Commissioner joined BC Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin, the Moose Hide Family and other honoured guests in the opening procession and then spoke during the Key Note Addresses where she reflected on the need to mobilize our communities to end violence against women and girls.

“We heard from families and survivors from coast-to-coast-to-coast how sharing their story alongside of others has shown them they are not alone in their grief and anger. In the same way, communities must stand together to find solutions and work towards a safer society for our Indigenous women and girls. There is strength in numbers,” she concluded.

To learn more about the Provincial Gathering and Day of Fasting: [www.moosehidecampaign.ca](http://www.moosehidecampaign.ca)

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