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First Nations woman from Manitoba hired as new Executive Director

Vancouver, British Columbia- Chief Commissioner Marion Buller extends a warm welcome to Debbie Reid in her new role as the Executive Director of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls effective today.

Debbie is from the Skownan First Nation in Manitoba. She has a dynamic work background that ranges from community to national level. Debbie has worked for her own community, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and moved on to be a special advisor to former National Chief Phil Fontaine while he was with the Assembly of First Nations. She also has over 10 years' experience in senior positions within the federal public service including having worked in the Privy Council Office and the First Nation and Inuit Health Branch within Health Canada.

"Debbie has focused her entire career on working for or on behalf of Indigenous people. My fellow Commissioners and I are extremely pleased to have another strong Indigenous woman with an excellent track record join our team," Buller stated.

The Commissioners would also like to take this time to thank Aideen Nabigon for her contributions over the past few months as the Interim Executive Director. Aideen will continue to play a role in supporting the Commission in its work in her new role as Special Advisor to Commissioner Qajaq Robinson.

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