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Quebec Native Women congratulates Michèle Audette as Senator

Kahnawake, August 2nd 2021 — On July 29, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the appointment of Michèle Audette as a Senator from Quebec in the Canadian Senate. Michèle Audette is from the Innu community of Uashat mak Mani-Utenam, Quebec. She was also a commissioner on the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

Quebec Native Women (QNW) welcomes the appointment of one of its former presidents. Our organization believes that Michèle Audette's dual representation as a woman and as an Innu is a symbol of a new era for Indigenous women's rights. The appointment of Mrs. Audette as a Senator is in line with the events of the last few weeks when several Indigenous women were appointed or voted in positions of power at the local, regional and national levels.

Our association is delighted to see that the Senate has an additional Indigenous voice among its representatives. A strong advocate for First Nations and Inuit interests throughout her career, we are confident that she will continue to make the interests of Indigenous people heard, especially those from Quebec.

"I would like to congratulate Ms. Audette on her appointment. QNW looks forward to working with Ms. Audette again to implement measures to address the issues of Indigenous women in Quebec. I wish her a long and fruitful mandate," said Viviane Michel, President of QNW.

About QNW

Founded in 1974, Quebec Native Women is an organization that represents First Nations women in Quebec as well as urban Indigenous women.

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