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**QUEBEC NATIVE WOMEN INC.**

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**Marjolaine Étienne as President of Quebec Native Women**

**Kahnawake, December 6, 2021** — Quebec Native Women (QNW) is starting a new chapter with Ms. Marjolaine Étienne as President of the organization. An Innu from Mashteuiatsh, she is the candidate who obtained the absolute majority of votes during the elections held last Sunday at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Montreal.

Marjolaine Étienne intends to pursue her commitment to the women of the First Nations of Quebec by working closely with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous political authorities. Her in-depth knowledge of the social, economic, cultural and political issues of the Indigenous peoples of Quebec, Canada and internationally are remarkable skills that will enable her to successfully carry out QNW's mission.

With her experience in politics, management and her vast circle of influence, Marjolaine Étienne will be able to bring the voice and interests of Indigenous women and girls to the forefront so that they can finally receive the recognition and respect they deserve.

She intends to put forward and implement the recommendations of MMIWG and the Viens Commission in a spirit of collaboration, cooperation and communication. Marjolaine Étienne's assiduity is a considerable asset in ensuring that the files underway at QNW continue to progress.

All QNW members congratulate Marjolaine Étienne on her appointment and welcome her as a representative of the organization, as well as the other two newly elected members: Gabrielle Vachon-Laurent, Vice-President and Sonia Chachai, Secretary-Treasurer.

*"I am honoured to be the new Spokesperson for QNW and I look forward to working towards justice and equality for Indigenous women and girls. Indigenous women must no longer be victims of discrimination and systemic racism, that time is over! "*, attests Marjolaine Étienne, president of QNW.

**About QNW**

Founded in 1974, Quebec Native Women is a non-profit organization that represents First Nations women in Quebec as well as urban Indigenous women.

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