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**QUEBEC NATIVE WOMEN INC.**

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**Viviane Michel passes the torch to the next president of Quebec Native Women**

**Kahnawake, December 5, 2021** — Quebec Native Women (QNW) is pleased to officially announce that the person who will succeed Viviane Michel as president is Marjolaine Étienne. With her knowledge and experience, she was elected to carry out the mission and mandate given to her by the delegates at the Annual General Assembly.

Viviane Michel has held the position of President of QNW since 2012. As a spokesperson and representative of the organization, she has succeeded in bringing the voice and interests of Indigenous women to different levels of government, including at the international level, and institutions in an exemplary fashion. Viviane Michel has also made a point of valuing traditional practices and promoting respect for the identity and culture of Indigenous women from all nations in Quebec.

Throughout her mandate at QNW, Viviane Michel has demonstrated a deep commitment and pride of being an Indigenous woman. Viviane Michel is and will remain a role model for Indigenous women who aspire to be leaders of their communities at the regional and national levels.

QNW members and the Council of Elected Women would like to congratulate Viviane Michel for her dedication to the cause of Indigenous women and girls over the years and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

*"We wish her well in her forthcoming projects and we thank her for the rich legacy she leaves behind to all Indigenous women and girls whose lives have been impacted during her nine year reign as president of QNW",* said Claudette Dumont-Smith, Executive Director 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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