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FUNDING GRANTED TO QNW FOR THE CREATION OF A MAP OF MISSING INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS IN QUEBEC

Kahnawake, May 5th, 2022 – On this Red Dress Day, Quebec Native Women (QNW) is pleased to announce that the federal government is providing \$260,000 in funding over a three-year period for the creation of a map of missing Indigenous women and girls in Quebec.

"Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ people in Canada have lived in fear for their safety for too long. Innovative initiatives such as the creation of a map will help us better understand the crisis of murdered and missing Indigenous women in Quebec. I would like to thank everyone who helped create this initiative - by keeping the voices of survivors and families at the center of this work, we will end this national crisis," said The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations.

QNW has been working for many years to support the loved ones of Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ persons and continues to take all necessary steps to ensure that the requests of families and survivors are heard and taken into consideration. In addition to the alarming need to develop resources specifically tailored to the needs of Indigenous women, it is more than necessary to continue to raise awareness of the impacts caused by colonial policies.

"We are delighted to receive such support from the federal government. This funding will allow us to document the cases and stories of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Quebec. This is a first; to create an interactive map that will be made available to the public to raise awareness. We intend to work on this project entitled "Nānīawig Māmawe Ninawind, Stand With Us: Mapping of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Quebec" with the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal and the Department of Social Sciences of the Université du Québec en Outaouais," said Marjolaine Étienne, President of Quebec Native Women.

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