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March Against Femicide and Violence Against Women: Five Feminist and Indigenous Women's Organizations Call on the Public and Political Parties to Mobilize in Response to the Urgency of the Crisis

Montreal, September 19, 2026 – Several hundred protesters have gathered in Montreal this Saturday, September 19, at the call of the *Alliance des maisons d'hébergement de 2e étape*, *Quebec Native Women*, the *Fédération des maisons d'hébergement pour femmes*, *L'R des Centres de femmes du Québec*, and the *Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale* to march against femicide and violence against women and Indigenous women.

Under the theme “**National Crisis: ACT NOW!**”, the march calls on elected officials and the public to confront the crisis head-on.

No One Is Safe Until All Women Are Safe

In 2026, the need for action to combat violence against women and Indigenous women remains extremely high. Quebec is experiencing unprecedented levels of reported violence against women. Since the beginning of the year, Quebec has recorded 17 femicides, 14 of them in the context of intimate partner violence, including Inuit and First Nations women.

This intolerable toll demands that femicide and violence against women and Indigenous women be addressed with the urgency warranted by the national crisis they represent and be placed back at the heart of political agendas.

Behind the murders and disappearances of women are thousands of women and children who continue to live with violence today, within a system that does not protect all women equally - and protects Indigenous women even less.

With four days to go before the leaders' debate, feminist and Indigenous women's organizations in Quebec have sought to turn the streets into a space for mobilization while also directly calling on candidates with a clear message: political parties must make concrete commitments to combat femicide and violence against women and Indigenous women.

For years, these organizations have documented the situation, put forward recommendations, and called on governments to implement the measures needed to prevent violence and ensure the safety of women and children. With the final leaders' debate approaching, the time has come for political parties to clearly state what they intend to do, what resources they will commit, and within what timeframe.

Quotes from Spokespersons

- “For years, feminist organizations have been documenting the situation and know the realities on the ground. It is time for political parties to commit to concrete actions based on their recommendations.” - Stéphanie Vallée, L’R des centres de femmes du Québec
- “The rise in femicides reflects a society in which violence against women is tolerated and normalized. We see this violence everywhere: in intimate relationships, within families, at the hands of people close to women, as well as in public spaces and online. Faced with this reality, preventing and ending violence against women must become a national priority.” - Mylène Bigaouette, Fédération des maisons d’hébergement pour femmes
- “Women’s and Indigenous women’s organizations cannot address the scale of this crisis on their own. Political parties must make clear, ambitious, and measurable commitments so that the safety of Indigenous women becomes a genuine collective priority.” - Marjolaine Étienne, President, Quebec Native Women (QNW)
- “Resources exist throughout Quebec, and they have the skills and expertise. What is missing is the political ambition to tackle violence against women at its roots—and the funding to match.” - Annick Brazeau, Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale
- “Because no woman should have to wait to be safe. Because no child should have to grow up in fear. Because no request for help should go unanswered. The time has come for political parties to move from words to action. The safety of women and children experiencing post-separation intimate partner violence cannot be just one promise among many. It must become a government priority and a lasting commitment.” - Mélanie Miranda, Policy Coordinator, Alliance des maisons d’hébergement de 2e étape pour femmes et enfants victimes de violence conjugale

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