

Indigenous Women and Girls

## National Inquiry Recognizes Domestic Violence

**Awareness Month** 

Monday, November 19 2018

November 19, 2018 --- Commissioners of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, made the following statement in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

"The sad reality is that all women and girls in this country continue to live at a disproportionate risk of violence in their own homes. In fact, according to the Canadian Women's Foundation, every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner. For too long, victims of domestic violence have lived in the shadows, feeling helpless, alone and powerless to seek the assistance they need.

Over the course of our investigation, we have seen first-hand the devastation caused by all forms of violence against women and girls. We have also seen the empowerment and healing that is possible by coming together with our communities to shine a bright light on these hard truths and encourage more victims and survivors to speak out and get help.

This Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we hope all Canadians will think about ways they can stand up to abuse, whether by supporting violence prevention programs, donating to their local women's shelter, or helping to challenge the systems and power structures that put women, girls, two-spirited and transgendered people at risk."

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