



HONOURING OUR LOST LOVED ONES

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Today we are surrounded by images of romantic love. However, for many families, it is a day of remembering, acknowledging and honouring our lost loved ones. It is a day to stand in unity nationally to unconditionally memorialize our missing family members and survivors, and to denounce violence against our women and girls and Two-Spirited people. Standing in unity today gives us and our allies hope and courage to continue to address the systemic and colonial factors that take our women's lives every day.

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls has spent many months hearing truths spoken about shattered lives and broken relationships. Deep healing and justice for our loved ones is needed in order to bring about the transformational change that is so necessary in our country. We seek to foster that healing so that all Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people may reclaim their rightful place as cherished human beings.

On this Valentine's Day, let us remember that Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people are sacred and resilient. Let us celebrate love as healthy relationships based on harmony and mutual respect.

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