

HONOURING NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

Friday June 14, 2019



In 2009, June was declared National Indigenous History Month, following the passing of a unanimous motion in the House of Commons. On June 3 of this year, we released our Final Report with significant Calls for Justice to make Canada a safer and more respectful place for Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people. Families and survivors spoke their truths. As Canadians we are now discussing is-sues never talked about before. This national conversation must now become tangible actions.

A key Call for Justice addresses how, collectively, we must understand our shared history. We call upon all institutions and education authorities to educate and provide awareness to the public about missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people, and about the issues and root causes of violence they experience. This includes historical and current truths about the genocide committed against Indigenous peoples through laws, policies and colonial practices.

In collaboration with Indigenous educators, the National Inquiry created a free document called *Their Voices Will Guide Us* as an educational and outreach initiative. It is designed to engage students and teachers in meaningful learning about the important roles of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people in their families, communities, and nations, highlighting their strength, agency and resilience.

We believe we have the power to change by educating ourselves, our children, our communities, and all Canadians. During this National Indigenous History Month, we invite everyone to read the Final Report, *Reclaiming Power and Place*, and our Calls for Justice at <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/> as well as our free resource, *Their Voices Will Guide Us*, at <http://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/publications/>.

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