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October 22, 2014

Mr. Norman Yakeleya, MLA Sahtu  
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Dear Mr. Yakeleya,

It is our understanding that you plan to put forward a motion, calling on the Honourable Bob McLeod, Premier of the Northwest Territories to request an "Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women". Further, that this inquiry would be incorporated into a future, possible national inquiry.

A Territorial Public Inquiry would be one useful tool to measure and assess the problem. This apparatus would bring to light and reveal the severity of the social problem in a public forum.

In addition, a significant part of a strategic, comprehensive plan is to determine the severity of the problem – data collection with statistical categories developed in collaboration with the Indigenous community (as decision-makers in this process) and interviews (qualitative data) would more accurately frame the depth and breadth of this social problem. Perhaps we, in the Northwest Territories could be at the forefront in developing the relationship protocol and methodology for data collection on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women here in the north.

The Native Women's Association of the Northwest Territories is in full support of having an "Inquiry into the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women" in the Northwest Territories.

Mahsi,

Paulina Roche  
President



NORTHWEST TERRITORY MÉTIS NATION

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October 16, 2014

**Norman Yakeleya**  
MLA Sahtu  
Yellowknife, NT

Attention: Norman Yakeleya

**Re: Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**

This letter confirms the support of the Northwest Territory Metis Nation, that the the Premier of the NWT, request an motion for an Inquiry into the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Together we can start to gather answers, bring closure and healing to the families who have lost loved ones over the years.

Sincerely,

Garry Bailey  
President



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October 7, 2014

Mr. Norman Yakeleya  
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By email to [Norman.Yakeleya@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Norman.Yakeleya@gov.nt.ca)

Dear Mr. Yakeleya :

**RE : Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women**

On behalf of the Membership of Salt River First Nation (SRFN) and Council, I am writing to support your motion calling on GNWT leadership to request a national inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

The statistics on the number of women and families affected by this issue are quite staggering. These people have a right to know what happened to their family members. It is incumbent on territorial and national leadership at all levels, to do everything in their power to see an inquiry is held.

Further to our support for the Dene Nation resolution passed this summer in Fort Smith, SRFN believes we must move towards resolution and healing for those affected by this, as soon as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Frieda Martselos

Cc The Honourable Bob McLeod  
Premier of the NWT

SRFN Council



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Government of the Northwest Territories  
Government of Canada

September 29, 2014

**RE: SUPPORT FOR TERRITORIAL AND NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING  
AND MURDERED INDIGINEOUS WOMEN**

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this as a letter of support from the Dehcho First Nations for a Territorial and National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous women.

This issue rips at the heart of those affected and the cultural fabric of our families and communities across the north and Canada. We need to shed light on these tragedies affecting our families from coast to coast to coast. Together we can start to gather answers and bring closure and healing to the families who have lost loved ones over the years.

Our support includes initiating a Territorial Inquiry as well as for a broader National Inquiry as well. Together we can move mountains and help protect women for years to come.

Sincerely,

Herb Norwegian  
Grand Chief

c.c. Dehcho Chiefs & Metis Presidents



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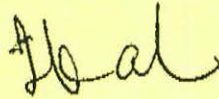
**Mr. Josh Campbell**  
Constituency Assistant for  
Norman Yakeleya, MLA Sahtu

**Dear Mr. Campbell:**

**This letter is in full support of the Sahtu MLA,s request for an enquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in the Northwest Territories. We consider this a very important issue for the people of the Sahtu region, the NWT and the country as a whole.**

**Thank you for the opportunity of supporting your efforts.**

Sincerely



**Chief Frank Andrew**

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**Norman Yakeleya**

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**From:** CEO <ceo@cpha.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 8:01 AM  
**Subject:** CPHA supports a national inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women



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CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
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### **Statement of Support for a National Inquiry Concerning Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women**

The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) supports the calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women originating from the Assembly of First Nations, the Native Women's Association of Canada, other First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples associations, the families of the missing and murdered, and the Premiers of Canada's provincial and territorial governments. The Association also calls on the Federal government to:

- Conduct an evaluation of the actions taken as a result of the previous inquiries, reports and investigations on missing and murdered Aboriginal women, and
- Develop and implement, as recommended by the World Health Organization,<sup>1</sup> an integrated action plan for violence prevention that addresses its root causes. The initiative should be led by First Nations, Inuit and Métis partners and engage all levels of government and civil society.

In 1990, CPHA's members approved a resolution that recognized violence as a pervasive and destructive force in society and pledged to advocate strongly for its reduction and elimination.<sup>2</sup> Living with violence, or in fear of violence, is in opposition to the fundamental conditions and resources necessary to achieve optimal health. It is critical to take a health promotion approach to understand the complexity of violence and to reduce its occurrence. A thorough understanding of violence requires information on who is at risk, the social values underlying human relationships and effective strategies used to prevent violence and heal its effects. In Canada, violence has not yet been clearly identified as a priority health issue, nor addressed in the design and delivery of community health services or health promotion efforts.

Achieving a violence-free society requires a proactive process which creates an empowered community that is supported by governmental structures that ensure the full participation and safety of community members regardless of their socio-economic status, gender, race, culture, age or sexual orientation.

The issue of violence against Aboriginal women has been studied and documented extensively in a number of Federal, Provincial and Territorial documents, the most recent being the 2014 *Report on the Special Committee on Violence against Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women*.<sup>3</sup> These reports provide many recommendations to address this issue, yet there is no record of their implementation, nor their impact in remediating the situation. Now is the time to undertake a formative evaluation of the results of these reports, and to plan for and take action on these recommendations, with the full participation of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. This evaluation should be completed in parallel with the Inquiry.

**Ian Culbert**  
Executive Director  
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