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T̂silhqot'in Nation supports the recommendations outlined in the National Inquiry's Final Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Williams Lake, BC: The T̂silhqot'in Nation supports the recommendations outlined in the National Inquiry's Final Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). The report, which is titled *Reclaiming Power and Place*, concludes that the deaths and disappearances of Indigenous women and girls is systematic and that Canada is guilty of enabling violence against Indigenous women and girls as a result of its colonialist and patriarchal structure. The report outlines over 200 calls for justice to address past negligence by the Canadian government and its institutions in the matter of violence against women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA (two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual) people. Furthermore, the report provides recommendations to improve future responses to investigations and cases concerning those in our society who are most vulnerable to violence, abuse and exploitation.

Quotes:

Chief Joe Alphonse, Tribal Chairman, T̂silhqot'in National Government

"Government has a responsibility to ensure that the calls for justice that are presented in this report are effectively implemented. Our women and girls are victims of a heartbreaking history that permitted abuse and violence against Indigenous peoples. The constructs of colonialization remain part of the Canadian government structure and this has allowed for government and its institutions to be passive in the matters of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. If government is committed to improve relations with Indigenous people and continue on a path towards reconciliation, it must acknowledge the truth about an alarming living institutional culture that, at its core, lacks respect and marginalizes the vulnerable, which in this instance is our women and girls."

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