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## Time to Act on the National Day of Action for MMIW

October 4<sup>th</sup> marks the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+. It is a day to bring community together and raise awareness around this issue. There have been too many stolen sisters, and not enough attention brought to their losses and not enough done to find justice for them and prevent further losses.

We, at the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council, demand accountability from the Federal and provincial governments. The MMIWG National Action Plan calls for an implementation plan this fall. Where is it? When will it be out? Priorities and actions must be set and followed. Actions should be happening with or without an implementation plan and it must make a difference.

President Judith Sayers states that “Today we honour and remember all the lives of Missing and Murdered indigenous women and in particular Chantel Moore, a young Nuuchahnulth woman shot by police. Today, all of us need to do things like light a candle, attend a vigil, wear red or hang a red dress outside your house. Read the report of the National inquiry into MMIW and the 231 Calls to justice especially 15.1-15.8. Call or email or tweet at you MP and MLA and ask them for actions and stress that we need to prevent any more MMIWG. It is a day to raise our voices.

Mariah Charleson, Vice President states “It’s been over 2 years since the MMIWG Final Report came out. Within this report it said that Canada’s treatment of Indigenous Women, girls, and 2 spirit + is an act of genocide. This reality is alarming and should receive considerable resources and attention from Canada. We need to see immediate action on the 231 Call to Justice laid out in the MMIWG Final report. No more words and studies, we need to see action now.”

We need to start making a difference every day to stop any more indigenous women from going missing or getting murdered. We need to have trauma informed teams going on wellness checks, we need more in-depth training of police on de-escalation. We need to have the BC First Nations Justice strategy fully implemented and so much more. Systemic racism must be eradicated as soon as possible. Words are not acceptable-action is what is required. Let's do this so next year on this day we can say well done-we got some things done and build on that as to what else needs to be done.

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About Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) provides programs and services to over 10,000 registered members. The role of the NTC is to represent 14 First Nations in three regions stretching 300 kilometers of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island from Brooks Peninsula in the north to Point-no-Point in the south. The NTC represents Ahousaht, Ditidaht, Ehattesaht/Chinehkint, Hesquiaht, Hupacasath, Huu-ay-aht, Kyuquot/Checklesah, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Tseshaht, Uchucklesaht and Ucluelet First Nations and provides a variety of programs and services to them.

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