Tungasuvvingat Inuit

TUNGASUVVINGAT INUIT STATEMENT ON REDress DAY

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OTTAWA, ON - Tungasuvvingat Inuit (TI) honours the memory of all Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+. Today, as the winds pass through the many dresses that are displayed throughout the country, we remember and honour the women and girls that once wore them.

Violence against Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit individuals remains one of the greatest threats to safety and we stand and support those families that have lost their sisters, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, and aunties. In the twelve years since the REDress project began with artist Jaime Black, the unacceptable fact remains that Indigenous women are at the highest of risk when it comes to experiencing violence. The National Inquiry into MMIWG2SLGBTQIA+ concluded in 2019 and laid out definitive calls to action intended to reduce the staggering rates of violence and establish safer conditions for Indigenous women. Sadly, in 2022, the rates of violence continue to rise, and Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit remain the most at risk women in the country. It is extremely disappointing that the calls to Justice in the MMIWG Final Report have not been acted upon.

We are excited that the National Inuit Action Plan on MMIWG2SLGBTQQIA+ with input from the Urban Chapter and Inuit Chapter is in motion and we know that this is the path moving forward. TI stands in unity with all Indigenous women and their families and asks that Government's act and follow through on the commitments to protect all Indigenous women and girls.

Today, join us and reflect on the spirits of all lost sisters and their families. You will never be forgotten.

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