As we observe International Women’s Day, the Métis Nation of Ontario recognizes and honours Métis Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people. It is through honouring one another and embracing our culture that we show the true strength and resilience of the Métis Nation.

The Métis Nation of Ontario acknowledges the momentum that is building in our communities and across Canada. There is a growing will and commitment to address violence that affects Métis, First Nations and Inuit individuals, families and communities. The MNO has called for an end to gender-based violence through actions such as the 2014 AGA Resolution calling for a National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Women and the adoption of the Métis Nation of Ontario Declaration to End Violence Against Aboriginal Women. Ending violence is a major priority for the MNO and we are encouraged by recent commitments made by the federal and provincial governments.

The MNO delivers programs and services that provide peer supports to individuals and families affected by violence. Métis community workers are creating opportunities to ‘give voices’ to families that have lost a loved one through organizing vigils, memorials, ceremonies and through creating digital stories and tributes. As part of the Honouring Métis Women education campaign, the MNO is facilitating celebrations to honour Métis Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people who have experienced violence and is focused on preventing violence in our communities.

If you are interested in knowing more about the MNO’s work in Ending Violence Against Aboriginal Women or have questions in regard to the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and other developments, please contact our Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Jennifer Lord at 613-798-1488 ext. 105 or by email at jenniferl@metisnation.org.

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